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CONSTRUCTION DYSFUNCTION

Not close:
Police station
was to open
this month

By Rebecca Piro

A public safety center without bathrooms?

Lavatories are just some of the "nitty-gritty items" still to be finished for police at the \$13 million safety center project, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. The delay — the project is now seven months behind schedule — prevents police officers and fire officials from moving into the new police station this month, as previously planned.

Mello Construction, general contractor for the project, broke ground in October of 2000 and promised a finished center by September 2002. The project has since slipped steadily behind schedule. Carlos Mello, company president, has blamed the town for being slow to sign the contract, as well as the harsh winter of 2000 for the delay. The town says Mello has not had enough workers on site, only recently bringing the manpower up from 20 to 35 workers on site.

The delay, which pushes the projected completion date to June 2003, means the town must keep paying the project's architect and the town's project manager. Officials will ask voters for \$830,000 additional money to pay those

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

About 150 workers are scrambling to finish the High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools before September — and that's making some parents of schoolchildren nervous. "There's a lot of work to be done," says Joe Piantedosi, Plant and Facilities director (center). "It will be close." Piantedosi and Phil Tuminelli, project manager (right), are overseeing the schools and safety-center projects.

Parents want
plan now in
case schools
aren't ready

By Rebecca Piro

For parents like Helene Spoto, the lack of information about what happens if the new schools don't open on time is like the quiet after a storm.

"It's like they drop a bomb and then there's nothing after that," Spoto says, frustrated. "I don't feel like sitting here twiddling my thumbs, waiting until June when they say it's (definitely) not going to open on time."

But Claudia Bach, schools superintendent, says she won't develop a concrete Plan B any sooner than June — because she doesn't want to jump the gun on the contractor, who still insists that the schools will open by September.

Bach has met with the new schools' principals and teachers to discuss three possibilities if the schools are not ready on time. The first is putting High Plain and

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LIVING IN ISRAEL

Committed:
Andover's Eric Danis
to join Israeli military

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Down on the farm

Loosigian: 81 years and counting

By Rebecca Piro

The colors of spring at Loosigian Farm are yellow and purple.

Pansies poking their heads out of the ground — the first crop of the year — are the first signs of the season, says owner Peter Loosigian.

He should know. At age 81, Loosigian has tilled the earth every springtime and planted every crop since he was old enough to ride a tractor. And he's still doing it.

"The farm has been here since 1900. I was born here 81 years ago in that house," he says, pointing to the peeling, white clapboard home standing near the road. After all those years of hard labor, isn't he tired? The old farmer just laughs, his weathered cheeks wrinkling into

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Peter Loosigian works the earth off Lowell Street.

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The growing popularity
of fantasy baseball
in The Eagle-Tribune



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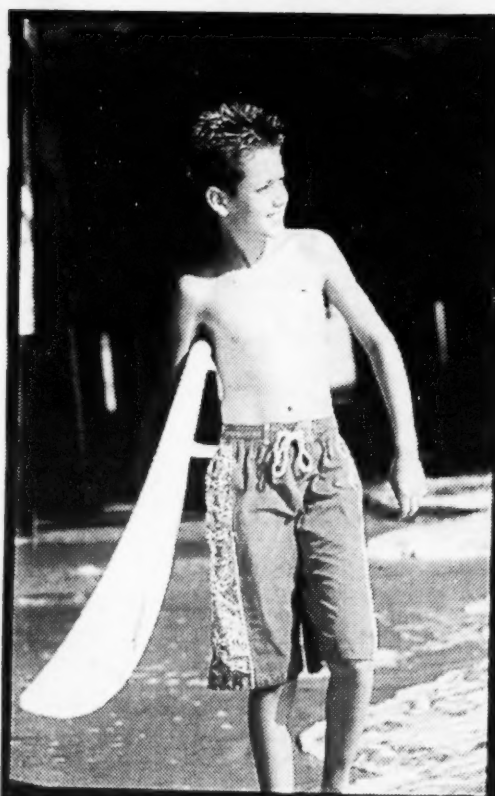
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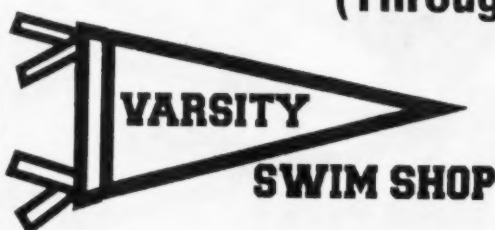
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Web question

If new schools don't open on time, which option do you prefer?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

Anti-override candidate Christopher Smith won the recent School Committee election this week. Is this a reflection of how Andover voters feel about the override?

Out of 35 votes:

► 24, or 69 percent, said "Yes, the School Committee needs to better reflect the will of the residents of Andover."

► 3, or 9 percent, said "No, Smith won simply because he was the stronger candidate."

► 8, or 23 percent, said "Other."

three options for temporarily housing Wood Hill Middle and High Plain Elementary students, in the event that the new schools don't open on time. Which option do you prefer?

- Students should be split into double sessions. Students would attend one of two four-hour sessions at the existing schools each day.

- Students should be placed in available classrooms at existing schools.

- Students should attend classes in whichever wing of the new schools is completed come September.

- Other.

This week's Web question: Schools Superintendent Claudia Bach is considering

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IN BRIEF

Spring coloring contest

Kids can get their crayons ready. The Andover Center Association spring coloring contest is underway. Children ages 10 and younger may visit any downtown Andover business that is an ACA member and pick up a picture to color. They may return a finished colored picture to any ACA business for display. There will be a drawing for the winner at the end of April. The winner will receive a bicycle suited for him or her.

Water recreation promo

The Shawsheen River Watershed Association will host a public meeting to present a preliminary watershed map on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Tewksbury Public Library. One of the goals of this effort is to promote recreational opportunities.

Town Meeting primer

To provide impartial information about warrant articles coming before voters at Town Meeting this year, the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will present a free, public forum next Thursday, April 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

Among the articles to be discussed are those addressing zoning (including the historic overlay district), the Main Street and Ballardvale improvement proposals, the school budget, water usage and sprinkler restrictions, and various to-be-bonded Capital Improvement Plan requests.

April health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, April 8 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, April 22 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday.

League of Women Voters

Forum on Community Preservation

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will host an educational forum on the Community Preservation Act at Memorial Hall Library on Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. The forum will provide residents with information about this legislation which, if adopted by a municipality, provides state matching funds to support open space and recreation, affordable housing and historic preservation.

Warrant articles pertaining to this legislation will be voted on at Andover Town Meeting to determine whether the Community Preservation Act will be put to the

voters in the November elections. Among the key issues to be considered are the tax surcharge requirements and the exemption provisions.

The panel for the April 8 forum will include speakers from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act Administration, Andover Community Preservation Act Task Force, and Andover Preservation Commission. The forum is open to the public. The League encourages residents "to attend to discuss the implications of enacting the Community Preservation Act for the town of Andover."

Tucker wins senior advocate award

State Sen. Sue Tucker recently received the Eva B. Hester Award given to the legislator who most effectively demonstrates legislative vision and leadership on behalf of elders living in Massachusetts, according to her office.

"One of my priorities as a senator has been to ensure that seniors receive access to community-based long-term care services like home care, transportation services, meals on wheels and affordable prescription drug coverage," Tucker said.

Recently, Tucker, the chairwoman of the Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee, was appointed as a member of the Special Commission to Study the Future of Long-Term Health Care

in Massachusetts.

"With the aging of the baby boom generation, senior citizens living in Massachusetts will increase dramatically over the next 30 years," said Tucker.

"I am committed to working with the commission members in developing policy initiatives that will deal with this demographic trend in order to ensure that the Commonwealth's long term care and social support systems adequately meet the needs of the state's elder citizens and their families."

The Hester Award is presented by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and will be formally awarded to Tucker later this spring.

Special section notes

The special advertising supplement last week, "Kids," contained inaccurate information about Playful People, a nonprofit organization. It is a drop-in play group. Donations are \$1 per person.

Correction

Last week's article "St. Augustine forum votes Law should leave" should have said that the Boston Archdiocese will be informed of the informal poll taken at the forum.

Quote, unquote . . .

ISRAELIS THINK I'M CRAZY, THEY ADMIRE ME, OR BOTH.

— Eric Danis on his move to Israel in turbulent times. Danis, an Andover High graduate, has become a citizen there and will join the Israeli military. (Story, page 7)

News Calendar

Thursday, April 4

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, Assessor's Office conference room, 9 a.m.

Preservation Commission, site visit, 30 Shawsheen Road, 5 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, regular monthly public hearings, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Government Review Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 6

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, first floor, 9:15 a.m.

Monday, April 8

Cultural Council, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 5:15 p.m.

School Building Committee, school offices building, second floor, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting about Avalon@St. Clare, Town House, 20 Main St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Community Preservation Task Force, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Patriotic Holiday/Korean War Veterans Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

BallardVale/Lowell Junction Traffic Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

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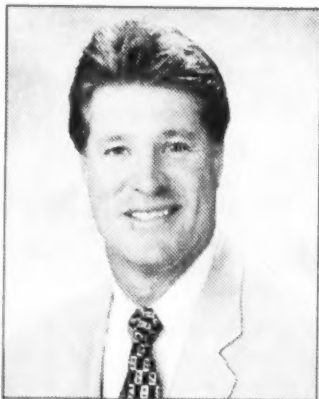
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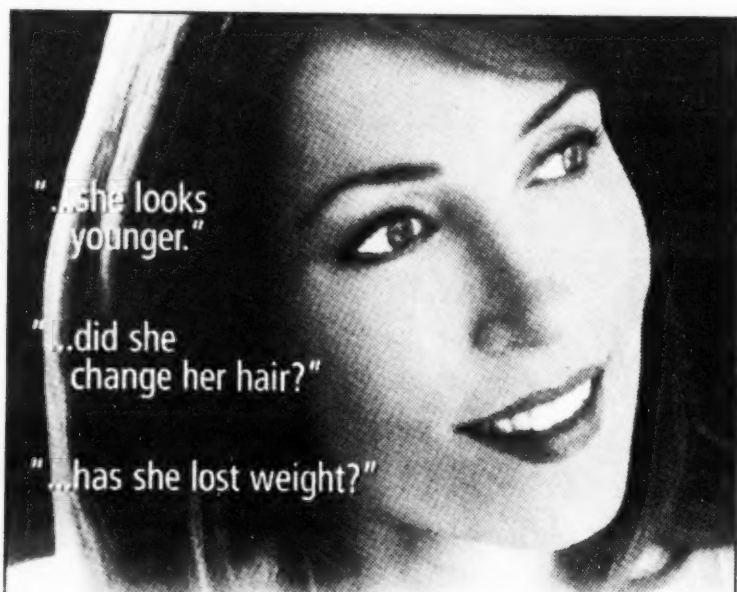
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No surprises in fields deal

Planning director notes rezoning deal does not limit developer

By Rebecca Piro

It's as clear as black and white. The typed, three-page document between developer Yvon Cormier and two private sports groups simply states the agreement between them. If Town Meeting approves the rezoning of land from residential to industrial, Cormier will give 15 acres of adjacent land to the sports groups for playing fields.

Jim Arnold, a member of the Andover Little League board of directors — one of the two sports groups involved — hopes going public with the terms of the agreement will encourage Town Meeting to support it.

The private groups decided to make the agreement public last week after Planning Board members and Steve Colyer, the town planning director, questioned why they weren't sharing it with the town. The private groups say they had wanted to keep the town out of the deal.

Since he released copies to the press last week, Arnold says the positive response to the deal has swelled. "I have been deluged with requests and offers of help," he says. He thinks that some town officials' and employees' negative response to the pact — prior to its public release — "touched a nerve" with residents. "There was a groundswell, upwards of 100 families, saying 'You can put a sign in my yard. How do we help?'"

The agreement, signed by Cormier and heads of both sports groups, states that Town Meeting must approve three warrant articles for the deal to hold. Article 45 proposes that the town rezone land near Haggetts Pond and the Tewksbury line from the strictest residential zoning to the strictest industrial zoning; Article 46 asks voters to authorize selectmen to enter into an agreement with Tewksbury for the purpose of providing water

service to the property; and Article 47 proposes that voters authorize selectmen to enter into a second agreement, with Tewksbury and/or Lowell, for the purpose of providing sewer service.

If all three articles pass, Cormier will convey 15 acres of open space to the sports groups, on which the groups say they will pay for construction and maintenance of two soccer fields and one baseball diamond. Cormier promises to construct an access road and parking lot to go with them.

Publicizing the agreement will not change some officials' stance on the rezoning article.

Selectmen voted to recommend disapproval two weeks ago, wondering how the groups will pay for the fields' construction, how they will handle security, and whether the land will be deeded to the groups in perpetuity. A handful of residents attended the meeting to complain about the development of the property near their homes, as well as question the ethics of the deal. Selectmen will not rescind



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Though selectmen have supported creating more fields previously to provide for sports like soccer, they don't support Article 45.

their vote.

The Planning Board will take a position on the articles Tuesday, April 9.

Colyer, who is wary of intermunicipal agreements, says his main concern is still the rezoning — not the playing fields. Changing zoning can change the character of the town, he says. He's also warned that what Cormier has proposed to build on the remaining parcel might not be the end result.

The developer has tentatively proposed two office buildings for the space, but he's not held to that plan, Colyer adds.

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Andover's Frank Morey

CD release party Saturday



Frank Morey, 1990 Andover High graduate

Frank Morey, who made a name for himself when he was selected to perform with Janis Ian and Tom Rush at the Collins Center two years ago, will have a CD release party for his third CD *cold in hand* this Saturday, April 6 from 7 to 10 p.m. at 608 (formerly Lilly's), 608 Somerville Ave., Somerville.

Also on stage at 608 will be Rounder Records artists Michael Tarbox, from Tarbox Ramblers, and Preacher Jack, a boogie-woogie barrelhouse pianist.

Tickets are \$10, and CDs will sell for \$10, too. The number for the club is 617-591-1661. Morey's Web site is <www.frankmorey.com>.

He'll be on 91.9/WUMB-FM today, Thursday, at noon. For more on Morey, see page 8.

Unique art show approaching

Sitelines to be month-long event down Main Street

Residents will notice a change to Main Street's landscape – the addition of an 11-inch high platform in front of Old Town Hall – in the coming weeks. Creator and artist Jason Middlebrook of New York hopes they'll use it to notice their own natural habitat, says Adam Weinberg, an art director at Phillips Academy's Addison Gallery.

It's one of many artistic measures included in *SiteLines: Art on Main*, a collection of works to be presented this summer, as a method of bridging the gap between PA, Andover

and Lawrence schools. Sponsored by the Academy, the interactive *SiteLines* runs from May 4 through Sept. 29.

One of the most visible works will be this platform, of which officials approved installation this week. Constructed from brightly colored recycled materials, the platform will invite passersby to step up to a new elevation and view bustling Main Street on a different level.

"So many of these projects are about looking at Andover with fresh eyes," says Weinberg. "(Middlebrook) often does pieces that play with the

natural environment."

About 500 students from PA, Andover High School, Lawrence High School and Greater Lawrence Technical School will participate in the creation and presentation of the works. Doherty Middle School students will contribute to Middlebrook's piece by helping create plaques, similar to those found at zoos, instructing viewers to notice "species" such as humans, in their natural habitat.

"It's as if someone like E.T. were coming to Andover," Weinberg says.

—Rebecca Piro

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Plan B: Three possibilities discussed

NEW SCHOOLS PLAN

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Wood Hill school children in available space at Bancroft or West schools, keeping students with their teachers and keeping grade levels together. The second is using double sessions, where students from the new school would share classroom space with students at existing schools. Each "session" of students would have a four-hour school day until the new schools opened. The third option is to have students attend classes in whichever wing of the new schools that is complete come fall.

But since the School Building Committee announced three weeks ago the strong possibility that the High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools won't be ready in time, Spoto says the only news she has heard is from her seventh-grade daughter, Meredith.

"She came home with some rumor-mill information," she says. "Our biggest concern is not knowing definitively what's going to transpire."

Parent Joan Roberge agrees. "How late do they anticipate the new schools opening? When can we expect to hear the contingency plan?" she asks.

Bach isn't worried. "We don't feel we need a lot of time to put (the plan) together. We do know that people want to know," she says, adding that the School Committee has presented updates of the project at each of their biweekly meetings.



Bach: Doesn't need a lot of time to plan

"What needs to be understood is we're five months away from an opening," says Mark Johnson, School Building Committee chairman and father of two children headed for the new schools. He has faith in the school administration and School Committee — whose job it is to put together the contingency plan. "I have no doubt they will have one," he says.

The School Committee is already pressuring contractor John T. Callahan by threatening to charge for damages due to the delay, says outgoing chairman Eric Nadworny. That, however, is as far as the town can push.

"We persuade, cajole, what-

ever, but we can't tell him how to do it," he says. "We cannot tell him to hire more people. If we do that, we become liable for the project ourselves."

"We're all frustrated," says Tina Girdwood, a member of the School Committee and the School Building Committee. "We're trying to work with what we know, and we don't know a whole lot. I'm trying to sit back and relax and assume it's being taken care of."

Spoto wants the school department to host an open forum, so parents can vent their concerns and work with officials to come up with solid solutions.

"I feel very ignorant. It's making parents angry. No. 1, and there's no opportunity for us to even lend a hand with viable options," she says.

"I think the more information we know, the better," agrees Liz Burdeau. Her two children will remain at West Elementary and West Middle schools, but could be affected by students — who were supposed to attend the new schools — being sent back into the existing buildings. "Everyone in town is affected by it."

The School Committee has agreed to host a forum during its Tuesday, June 18 meeting.

Collect call for town?

Monopole could be revenue for Andover

The town manager wants Andover to start selling air time.

Article 31, submitted by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, asks voters to authorize the town to lease space on the public safety center's monopole to private companies.

The monopole is a type of radio tower that town departments, including police and fire, use for

communication. How much space the town could lease, and for how much money, is for selectmen to decide if Town Meeting approves the article, says Stapczynski. "I am told that (monopole space) goes for \$1,000-plus per month," he says. "I'm told that it's in high demand. Wireless space does go for a premium."

The state Department of Public Health licenses monopoles and cell towers, says town Health Director Everett Penney. Besides the safety-center monopole, Andover has two cell towers, located on Holt Hill and Bailey Road. Neither of those have presented problems in the past. "Everything I've always read on those is that they're not really a health issue, as long as you're not right on top of them," he says.

High tension wires, such as the 300-kilovolt lines that carry power from Seabrook, through Andover, to Tewksbury have the potential for causing cancer, he says. Monopoles and cell towers, as long as they are a safe distance away from people, have not been proven to cause problems, he adds.

Penney says he has not received calls from anyone with concerns about the warrant article.

— Rebecca Piro



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Town Meeting will decide if Andover should sell space on its safety center's monopole.

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Andoverite in Israel

Danis sees Mideast terror, will join Israeli military



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"Israelis think I'm crazy, they admire me, or both," says Eric Danis, an Andover High grad and basketball star who became an Israeli citizen this year. Despite the recent bombings, Danis says Israelis "even manage to have some fun."

By Ben Hellman

Eric Danis would like to extend an open invitation to friends and residents of Andover to visit him — in Israel. It's been nearly a year since Danis moved permanently to Jerusalem and despite a war on terror that he doesn't need a TV to witness, he doesn't have any plans to leave. "This is my home. I came to make a life here," says Danis.

He spoke to the *Townsmen* briefly on Monday afternoon on his way to visit his girlfriend and again later that night. In the five-hour interim, Danis says that two separate terror attacks had occurred in Jerusalem. "It's very intense these days," says Danis, "It's a very scary time to live in Israel. A popular bar on the street where I live was bombed."

Danis remains an American citizen, but he has received full Israeli citizenship. As an Israeli, he will have to serve in the military, something he expects to occur next September, "unless something happens before then," he added. Danis embraces the responsibility as he

has embraced his found homeland. "Israelis think I'm crazy, they admire me, or both," he says. He was boosted by a recent visit to Israel by Rabbi (Robert) Goldstein from Temple Emanuel in Andover.

"I wish more people would follow his example and come here," says Danis.

Danis says he used to live in a neighborhood where he could hear
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Up at 6 a.m., doesn't stop for lunch

FARMER

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a smile. "You ever hear the saying, 'Success is a journey, not a destination'?"

If Loosigian believed that success was a destination, he'd be driving there on a tractor. Besides the one he's sitting on, he's got three others lined up in a shed, ready for the planting season. As far as he's concerned, he'll be acquiring more. "I tell my wife I'm going to buy a tractor for the next 35 years," he says.

Loosigian's farm stretches about 10 acres off Lowell Street, though Loosigian plants only five acres these days. He buys some of his vegetables elsewhere, such as corn, because the water table in the hilly land is naturally low.

But this spring's near-drought conditions haven't worsened that situation, he says, because he hasn't planted most of his seeds yet. When he does, he'll rely mostly on irrigation, not rainfall. He's not overly concerned about the town's water supply. "It's during July and August when it gets hot. That's when you need water," he says.

Jason Pelletier, a neighbor who helps Loosigian on the farm, is learning the ropes. He says last week's rainfall helped moisten the ground just enough. "We need wet days and 50-degree weather," he says. "Right now it's a little bit too cold, but besides that, it's OK."

Pelletier helps run the farmstand, which — thanks to the pansies — will open this week. He hopes to keep the farm going, when and if Loosigian ever

decides he's sown his last seed.

"He never stops working. During the summer, he's up at 6 and he doesn't go in 'til 8. He doesn't stop for lunch, either," says Pelletier. Loosigian wiles away long

hours in the field, watching deer in the woods, tilling the dark soil and nursing seeds to life. It's what he savors most.

"It's just being on your own," he says. "That's hard to beat."



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Loosigian gets his farm off Lowell Street ready for planting.

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Opinion

Arrested development deserves look

AS THE SAFETY-CENTER PROJECT and new schools move ahead through their difficulties, town officials are looking ahead to the next round of construction. Town Meeting will vote on whether to approve nearly \$1 million to plan an expansion of the water-treatment plant, and senior-center proponents want the town to build a significantly larger center in the near future.

Before taxpayers shell out millions more for desirable projects, Andover's top officials need to take another look at what's gone wrong with recent construction jobs.

Andover leaders talked about learning from the mistakes of the Andover High project, and they made several changes. A town project manager was hired just to work on the safety center, the schools and the senior center. On the schools project, the superintendent and a School Committee member were added to the School Building Committee, the town is building the schools on undeveloped land rather than renovating and a principal has been on site all year. Still, the safety-center is seven months behind schedule. The new schools may not open on time.

At Town Meeting residents will be asked to approve more money for several projects already approved: the safety center, the new schools, the Main Street improvement project and the work at the intersection of Lovejoy and Dascomb roads.

Andover needs to look yet again at how to get its projects completed on time and on budget. If the state system is flawed, then it's time state legislators from several communities with Andover's difficulties banded together and sought change. If the problem is with Andover officials' actions, then changes need to be made here. Millions of dollars are at stake.

LETTERS POLICY

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CLEAN MACHINE



Wayne Merola, of F.P. Reilly & Sons, a company hired by the town, gives Andover streets a spring cleaning. PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Morey: 'Cool' on lips, cold in hand



Neil Fater

is they love American music, '50s style and earlier. Rock and roll, pre-Beatles," says Morey, a 1990 Andover High grad. "They love American slang. To them, they hear the word 'cool' and they're like, 'Yeah!'"

Morey, who made a name for himself when he was selected to perform with Janis Ian and Tom Rush at the Collins Center two years ago, had been touring regularly since then. This summer he was in Italy for a festival, Artisti in Piazza. The foot-stomping, throwback guitar player would like to return again this June. "It's illegal to street perform in Italy. It's an old, old blue law. The rea-

son for the festival was basically to break the law," he says. Local police didn't seem to mind much, though the feds would shut the party down as the night wore on.

Italians at the festival will remember Morey as the cool American with the gravelly voice and barroom poetry.

I don't remember him just as a musician. In elementary school, Morey was on one of my Little League teams. So, a part of me still remembers him as the first baseman I hoped would scoop my throws from shortstop.

It's an interesting phenomenon.

A little while ago, I got a call from someone I played basketball with. He said he'd always remember me juggling during some high-school play at the Collins Center. Well, I'd forgotten about it. In fact, it took me about two days to remember what he was talking about. But I guess when he thinks of me, I'm that juggling guy.

That's the way other people's memories work. There's no controlling them. A person can spend their adult life developing an artificial heart, and when the news is announced, someone, somewhere, when they hear the scientist's name will think *That's the kid who sat*

next to me in first grade and ate paste.

Anyway, Morey has long since put down his glove and his making memories for people and himself on stage.

The Collins Center gig led to increased radio play and exposure within the folk community. Tom Rush is credited with discovering Joni Mitchell, Jackson Brown and James Taylor. Morey is more regularly compared with Lou Reed, Tom Waits and Bob Dylan for his singing voice, humor and song writing, but praise from Rush never hurts.

This fall, he did 30 gigs on Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles.

Now, Morey has brought his band back to Boston. With a percussionist, bassist, pump organist and trumpet player, Morey is preparing for a CD premiere party in Somerville. He will give the Boston premiere of his third CD, *cold in hand*, this Saturday, April 6 from 7 to 10 p.m. at 608 (formerly Lilly's) at 608 Somerville Ave., Somerville.

He'll carry a guitar, and not a baseball glove, onto the stage.

Neil Fater is editor of the *Andover Townsmen*. He can be reached at <nfater@andovertownsmen.com>.

LETTERS

Schools should see more of what Andover spends

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am a emphatic supporter of the upcoming Proposition 2½ override vote. My reasons have nothing to do with magnanimous altruism towards children. They are unequivocally selfish.

Our schools are remarkable and one of the best "bangs for the buck" around. Our reputation has been achieved while being somewhere in the 150th rank in the state regarding per pupil spending. That's great news fiscally, but things are beginning to catch up. (Incidentally, townsie spending is right up there at the top statewide.) Our taxes are, relatively speaking, low when we are compared with towns of similar socioeconomic structure.

Much of this has been achieved at the expense of the schools. It is time for that to change.

The present override is based on simple need. It does not buy us the excellence we should be demanding. It keeps us in the running for adequacy. Without this money, programs and, more importantly, children will be compromised. We should not allow that to happen.

Certainly arguments might be made that greater savings could come on the town side, more unique and less costly ways of instruction might develop at the secondary level, special-education costs might be reinvested locally in forming new and dynamic programs, etc. All are valid, but none address the immediate need for our schools, and I am not willing to place services to our young at risk.

Keeping it simple, I would rather pay locally for what I am able to see. I would rather pay locally to make education in Andover the best. I would rather pay locally to maintain the value of our property.

Larry Larsen
Bryan Lane

Teach kids how government works: Doves better sent to policy makers

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I read with interest your article about the Pike School students sending "peace messages" to those serving our country overseas, and I am compelled to comment on it.

If I were still on active duty during this time of great risk for those serving in uniform, the sorts of messages I might appreciate would be something along the lines of "We support you," or "Come home soon," or "Stay safe." Messages promoting peace would cause me to believe that the children at the Pike School either were confused about the military's role as an instrument of national defense or were voicing their opposition to the mission at hand.

My gripe is not with the very worthwhile messages of peace from the children, it is with the adult or adults who conceived this "peace project" in the first place. These adults should clearly understand that members of the service who go in harm's way are only prosecutors, not formulators,

of our national defense strategy. Our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines simply obey the orders they are given, often in arduous and dangerous conditions.

If the goal of this exercise was to promote peace, perhaps the children's messages might have been better addressed to those who in fact make the decisions about our nation's participation in wars or conflicts: our legislators and the president. These elected officials are responsible for sending our service personnel to war and they are also the ones who establish policies that can make a difference in the peace process. If the goal was to send uplifting messages to our service personnel, a more appropriate sentiment might be "Thinking of you."

Perhaps the time spent cutting out and inscribing paper doves might have been better used to teach these sincere and well-meaning students about how our government actually works.

K.M. Hawley
Commander, USN (Ret.)
374 North Main St.

Historic overlay district Laying out why to vote 'no' on change

Editor, *Townsmen*:

What seems like a good thing isn't. A proposed warrant article to create an Historic Preservation Overlay District was presented at a hearing conducted by the Andover Planning Board. The article is intended to encourage the relocation of historically significant buildings and would be particularly useful in cases where such buildings would otherwise be torn down. The article was requested by Michael Ristuccia, who recently moved the Capt. Stephens Abbot house to his property on South Main Street.

The problem is that the proposed article would modify the dimensional requirements of the current zoning bylaw. Of particu-

lar concern is the proposed modification of the set-back (front, side and rear) requirements.

Under this bylaw, residents could someday be looking out at a building very close to their property line. It appears that this requirement is not needed by Ristuccia, who has ample setbacks.

The proposed overlay district to which this applies is very large and extends from Wilmington almost to Merrimack College. It would affect many Andover homeowners. I think that the proposed article, although well intended, goes beyond what is necessary and does not adequately protect the homeowners.

Donald E. Johnson
4 Applecrest Road

Sports parents can only pay so much

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I've read with interest the letters outlining the unfairness of fees for fine-arts, but not sports, programs being discussed for next year. Clearly, there seems to be wide agreement that teachers and academic programs be saved at the expense of extracurricular programs; there is not wide agreement on how we go about this.

It does, indeed, seem a no-brainer that extracurricular activities be treated equally in helping to allay the budget crunch. I'd like to dispel the common notion, however, that athletic programs will not suffer next year under the current plan. True, at this point, the budget calls for fees for fine-arts programs and not for sports teams; however, it's a falsehood that athletics have been left unpunished. For many years, Athletic Director Jim Hurlley and his department have been responsible for generating \$60,000 to help defray athletic-program costs. This money has come from admission fees to varsity games, and other fundraising ventures.

The budget proposed for next year includes a \$50,000 athletic-program cut, making it necessary for the athletic department to generate \$110,000 to keep the program on a par with this and previous years. The fine arts department has not

suffered similarly in the budget. Although admission fees to games can be raised a little, the target audience will not be able to support an increase of this proportion. Make no mistake, the enormous shortfall will fall squarely on the shoulders of sports parents.

I agree that in the interest of fairness, we should be comparing apples to apples. If the powers that be decide that fees be levied for sports teams as well as fine-arts programs, so be it. However, I would ask that if they adopt such a plan they reinstate the currently cut

\$50,000 to the athletic budget. Most parents of athletes are genial supporters of their children's teams, but if they're being hit by fees from the front and fees from the back, they are sure to get cranky.

Better yet, adopt a flat "participation fee" to be paid at the beginning of the year, so that students can participate in any of the fine-arts, athletic or general-interest groups that are offered at the high school. In this way, students will still feel free to experiment with a connection that they might not otherwise make. There's nothing like a fee to discourage the broadening of horizons.

Carolyn Hanson
Spring Grove Road

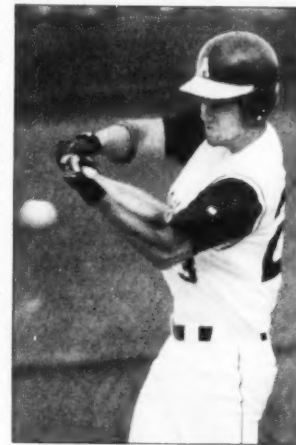


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Writer: School sports have already taken a hit.

Support worthwhile music program

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Congratulations to all the 334 young musicians in the All Bands Night that was held March 12 at the Collins Center. It was a wonderful evening filled with music that was played by the Elementary All-Town Band, Doherty Middle School Sixth Grade Band, Doherty Middle School Seventh and

Eighth Grade Band, West Middle School Sixth Grade Band, West Middle School Seventh and Eighth Grade Band, and the Andover High School Band.

Congratulations to Allan Minkinen who directs the elementary band and Joseph Wright who directs all four middle school

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THE THURSDAY FILE

Daring ideas are like chessmen moved forward; they may be beaten, but they may start a winning game.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

Everything you can imagine is real.

PICASSO

Marketing is not the art of finding clever ways to dispose of what you make. It is the art of creating genuine customer value.

PHILIP KOTLER

Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.

PHYLLIS DILLER

If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

ANONYMOUS

To fall down you manage alone, but it takes friendly hands to get up.

YIDDISH PROVERB

I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

The best way to keep your friendship alive is to bury the faults of your friends.

UNKNOWN

Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others.

DANNY THOMAS

The JFK Quotation:

When we got into office, the thing that surprised me the most was that things were as bad as we'd been saying they were.

Best quotation sent in:

We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.

OSCAR WILDE

About "The Thursday File"

Steve MacDowall started "The Thursday File" two years ago. He sent it to 10 people. Today, the file is sent to more than 10,000 people.

The Web site is <www.hudsonvanloo.ca> and suggests books to read and Web sites worth visiting, along with quotations worth noting.

At left are some quotations from the most recent Thursday File, mailed electronically last week.

LETTERS

■ MUSIC

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bands as well as the high school band. What a wonderful accomplishment for all the musicians on the stage that night. Their enthusiasm for music and dedication to their band was obvious by the great music that was played. The evening ended with all five bands playing *America The Beautiful* together. The audience was standing and singing along and it was a

very proud moment for Andover.

Playing a musical instrument is a positive, rewarding experience. Our children need us to support the music programs in our town.

Mark and Carol Pehrson
30 Linwood St.

**More override,
other letters**

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On CPA: What town stands to lose

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Warrant articles for the Community Preservation Act (CPA) legislation will be voted on at Town Meeting to determine whether this legislation will be put to the voters in the November election. During recent weeks, the pros and cons of this historic legislation has been debated at various town committees, boards and commissions raising the question: "Will

Andover have the foresight to take advantage of state matching funds for open space and recreation, historic preservation and affordable housing?"

With budget cutbacks already taking place due to decreased state funds, it seems counterintuitive for Andover to turn away an opportunity to supplement and replace much of what we already spend on open-space funding. Why we would we not take advantage of this windfall and redirect our current conservation funds to offset other budget costs?

Many cite the economy and the impact of the recent recession as reasons to avoid the tax surcharge required for state matching funds. While many of us who live in Andover have lost jobs and felt the impact of this downturn, we are confident that the economy is turning around and certainly do not want to jeopardize the qualities that we care about – the reasons that we chose to live here – by being short-sighted. For the average homeowner whose home value is \$352,000, the cost of passing the CPA at the full 3-percent surcharge (enabling us to received the one-to-one state match) is \$117/year or some \$9 per month.

Andover's commitment to open space preservation has been well-directed. While the CPA plays an important role in continuing this tradition, one of the key incentives of this legislation is the focus on affordable housing and historic preservation. In essence, it creates a level playing field for these other critical components of our community life. We've seen how legislation like 40B has threatened the fabric of our town. Enacting the CPA provides a strong alternative to dense, clustered housing and the opportunity to "save" older and smaller homes that are affordable.

Likewise, historic preservation of our town would finally have a dedicated source of funds. Many of our buildings, cemeteries, and churches are in need of preservation. If we continue to ignore the historic quality of our town, we stand to lose its unique character. The CPA is the best option we have to make progress in this often ignored area.

Andover stands to lose a great deal if we do not approve the CPA for the November ballot. Like our schools, open space, housing and historic character are the reasons companies move their business here and why people continue to buy houses in this downturn. Approve the CPA warrants and give the voters of Andover the opportunity to set up a dedicated source of funds to preserve our quality of life.

Gail R. Mann
86 High Plain Road

Fields for zoning: triple play for all

Editor, *Townsmen*:

My neighbor, Jim Arnold, and I have coached and run youth programs in Andover for more than 20 years. We know about the critical field shortage first-hand and came up with the idea for Town Meeting Article 45. We think it's a good idea for the following reasons:

- It would bring \$500,000 of residual tax income to our town.

- The leagues get space for three new ball fields. The ball fields will also act as a green-space buffer and create a boundary to prevent any industrial sprawl, which is feared by some residents. There are no direct residential abutters to this project now, and the fields would create a barrier to prevent future industrial expansion in this area.

- Public and private entities working together can provide good solutions to solve problems where everyone wins.

We asked ourselves, how do we take care of the young people and not drive others on fixed income out of town with escalating tax increases? The above three reasons answer this question. We think this is a good plan and ask residents to join us in supporting Article 45.

Peg Campbell
13 Geneva Road

Call out fields-for-zoning plan

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Andover Soccer Association:

I would like the board to understand the concerns of its fellow Andover residents. Presently, I have three children in the ASA soccer program, two in travel and one U-9. I also have an F License and have coached over five seasons. I understand the value of fields. I have supported fields in the past and could Town Meeting Article 45, provided there was a reconfiguration of the parcel in question.

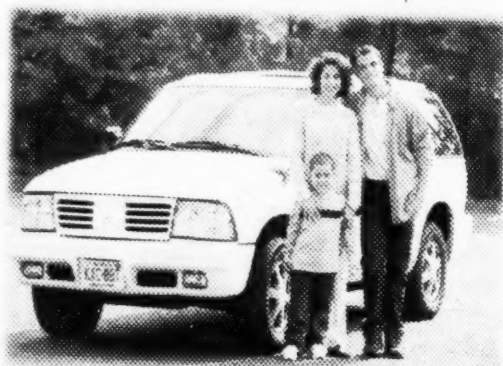
I believe this proposal is totally skewed in the developer's favor. This is supporters' initial proposal, and clearly neighbors and parents would have hoped we'd be informed of the plan by baseball and soccer. There was a perfunctory meeting with attorney Mark Johnson where we expressed many concerns and to date there has been no response.

Urban planning 101 would put all the industry along the highway. The new homes in the parcel would abut AVIS and fields. The industrial land abuts existing residential property. Let the new homes abut the industrial land.

More importantly, this parcel

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THE BUDGET

Analyzing the cuts

Assistant principals on block, but schools laud them

By Ben Hellman

Andover elementary schools hired assistant principals because student population grew beyond the size that one administrator could handle, says Selectman Mary Lyman, a former schools pupil personnel advisor and former School Committee member.

While projected student enrollments for 2002-2003 show there will be fewer students next year than during the years that the assistant principals were hired, Lyman, several principals and Superintendent Claudia Bach say that assistant principals are still necessary components of Andover's elementary schools.

Nevertheless, assistant principals are on the budget cutting block, as the town wrestles with its fiscal problems.

There are currently assistant principals at the Bancroft, South and West elementary schools. Whether or not the override passes the assistant principal position at the Bancroft School will be eliminated next year. If the override fails, South School's assistant

principal will also be eliminated.

Superintendent Claudia Bach believes that all of the elementary schools (with the exception of kindergarten to grade 2 Shaw-sheen School) should have assistant principals.

Charlie Friel, West Elementary principal, says that the National Association of Elementary School Principals states that a school with more than 450 students should have an assistant principal.

Friel believes that 500 students is a good standard for hiring an assistant principal. Superintendent Claudia Bach says 400. "It's not even safe and responsible," said Bach, when one administrator has too many students. Bach said that considering the number of students and faculty that a principal is responsible for supervising, "there is nothing like it" in the business or public sectors. She noted that school administrators must be available to communicate with the parents of each student in their schools. With generally twice the number of parents as students, and no assistant principal, she asked,



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Bancroft Principal Scott Morrison considers assistant principal Joyce Fahy-Laundre (above) to be "a co-principal." Her position will be eliminated next year.

"How could you respond to parents in any responsible way?"

Next year, Bancroft is projected to have 424 students, and South and West Elementary will continue to have more than 550 students, even after the new schools open.

But student population is only half of the argument for assistant principals. According to Bach, Lyman and others, teacher evaluations necessitate having assistant principals.

According to Bach, evaluations take up to 15 hours to complete per teacher. By that standard, it would take a principal more hours to evaluate all of a school's teachers than are available in a school year.

Lyman says that with so many

teachers retiring, principals will have to evaluate teachers more often, as young teachers are evaluated more often than veterans.

Charlie Friel, West Elementary principal, says, "One of the best reasons (for having an assistant principal) is oftentimes you need someone to talk to." Friel says it's important to have someone who is a peer to discuss matters with, someone who he doesn't supervise. Friel said he divides the work of student discipline and teacher evaluation evenly with his assistant principal Liz Greene-Roos.

When South Elementary principal Eileen Woods became principal at South School, she had 12 teacher evaluations per year.

Woods says she has 56 teachers to evaluate now. "The day-to-day operating of a school is different now," she says. "It is a job that requires multitasking."

She says that there are many more issues for a principal to deal with today. She deals with PTOs, extracurricular activities, personnel, budgets and grant writing, among other responsibilities. Of the possibility of losing her assistant principal Woods says, "It will be a great loss."

"There will definitely be an impact," Bancroft principal Scott Morrison told the *Townsmen* in early March when the proposed school cuts became public. "Joyce (Fahy-Laundre) has brought a lot to Bancroft School this year." Morrison called Fahy-Laundre a "key contributor" and said that the assistant principal position at Bancroft was really a "co-principal." Duties Fahy-Laundre shares with Morrison are discipline, teacher evaluations, and curriculum planning.

Population and assistant principals

Andover schools have added assistant principals at the elementary level over the years as enrollment has increased. Next year, the ones at Bancroft and South schools will be eliminated if the override fails. School officials say the positions are needed because principals' responsibilities have increased.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	YEAR ASST. PRINCIPAL HIRED	STUDENT ENROLLMENT THAT YEAR	STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2001-2002	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT SEPT. 2002
Bancroft& South	1998	624	578	424
West	1998	610	618	556
Sanborn	1987	782	783	631
	none	-	497	393

NOTE: Enrollment information for this year and next from superintendent's preliminary budget submitted in February.

Fran Landry

Education advocates put out the call: Save Our Schools

By Ben Hellman

Just three weeks before Town Meeting, Support Our Students (SOS), a group formed to drum up support for the override, has launched their campaign.

"My vision is that we could get the entire town behind the override," said Cindy Egan, one of 52 people said to be involved with the effort.

Four members of the steering committee and retired Andover teacher Bob King spoke to the *Townsmen* this week about SOS. The steering committee is co-chaired by Thyra Sherman and Barbara L'Italien. "Strong schools are what draw a lot of people to



Tony James

Andover," L'Italien said.

Member Tony James explained why the group formed: "We were dissatisfied with the amount and quality of information being discussed about the school budget (and override)." James and Egan studied public information and put together a report of their findings. According to their report, Andover ranks 151st in per pupil spending, but 22nd in per capita income and 14th in taxable property value.

Per pupil spending has been an issue of debate because the figures include money given to communities by the state government. At last year's Town Meeting, Selectman Brian Major noted that if one

looks only at what town taxpayers themselves spend on their community schools, Andover actually spends much more than the state average.

Scoring well

James said that above-average MCAS and SAT scores proved that Andover is spending its school money wisely. "We think (students) can do better," said James, if Andover spends more.

Sherman spoke to the argument that the schools were a business. "It's not a business. A business can cut back production," she said. She also said that in the business world, 10 percent of the work force is unionized as opposed to the 100 percent of teachers who belong to a union.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Barbara L'Italien, cochairwoman of the Save Our Schools group, notes that schools attract people to Andover.

OBITUARIES

Richard A. Durham*Pathologist lived here for 22 years*

Richard A. Durham, MD, 90, of Bedford, and formerly of Rindge, N.H. and Andover, died Sunday, March 24, at his daughter's home.

Dr. Durham was a 1928 graduate of Manning High School in Ipswich. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1932, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Dr. Durham was formerly the head of the English department and taught advanced French at Bridgton Academy in Maine from 1932 to 1933.

In 1939, he received his MD degree from the State of South Carolina Medical College. Before entering the Army, he served a rotating internship at St. John's Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y. from 1939 to 1941.

Dr. Durham served as a captain in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1946, achieving the rank of major upon discharge. He served 38 months overseas during World War II as a battalion surgeon, first in central Europe, and later at the Army base in Reykjavik Harbor, Iceland. He was awarded the European Theatre of Operations ribbon with four battle stars.

Following the war, Dr. Durham served his internship in pathology

at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and his residency at Hartford Hospital. He served as pathologist at the Luther Hospital in Wisconsin, Nassau Hospital in New York, Lowell General Hospital, Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, and Henry Heywood Hospital in Massachusetts, retiring in 1980.

He lived in Bedford for the past two years, and previously lived in Rindge, N.H. for 20 years and Andover for 22 years.

Dr. Durham was an avid gardener, photographer, chess player and classics scholar. His family said he was an excellent swimmer who competed on Bowdoin's swimming team.

In 1984, he was appointed library trustee of the Ingalls Memorial Library in Rindge, N.H. He contributed to the 1989 edition of the official history of Rindge.

Members of his family include his wife of 64 years, Barbara (Cook) Durham of Bedford; two daughters, Mary D. Keeler of Las Vegas, Nev. and Katherine Durham of Bedford; and a son, Arthur Durham of Los Angeles, Calif.

There were no calling hours. Burial was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ingalls Memorial Library, Main Street, Rindge, NH 03461.

Arrangements were by the Cournoyer Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 33 River St., Jaffrey, N.H.

Eileen M. Churchill*Public schools volunteer attended St. Robert's*

Eileen M. (Byrne) Churchill, 75, of Andover, died Friday, March 29 at home.

Mrs. Churchill attended St. Robert Bellarmine Church. She was a member of a North Reading bowling league.

She volunteered in the Andover public schools and also at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

She was the widow of Thomas Churchill.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Douglas Coates of Andover; two grandchildren, Nathan and Joshua Coates of Andover; a sister, Frances Campbell of Andover; and several nieces and nephews. She was also mother of the late Wayne Churchill.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 250 Haverhill St., Lawrence, MA 01840.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Alfred F. Sullivan*Retired as a manager at Raytheon after 20 years*

Alfred F. Sullivan, 70, of Bedford, N.H. and formerly of Andover, died Saturday, March 30 at his home.

Born and educated in Cambridge, Mr. Sullivan attended Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School and Emerson College in Boston. He was a film editor at WBZ-TV in Boston and moved on to Raytheon in Andover, where he retired as a manager after 20 years.

He also owned Pewter Pot

Restaurant in Lexington in the 1960s.

Mr. Sullivan lived in Andover for 38 years. He moved from Andover two years ago.

Members of his family include his wife, Regina A. (Fitzpatrick) Sullivan; daughters and their husbands, Debra and Paul Powers of E. Hampton, N.H., Barbara Marcionis of Londonderry, N.H. and Alane and Angelo DeLuca of North Andover; sons and their wives, Barry and Donna Sullivan of Amherst, N.H. and A.J. and Shari Sullivan of New York; a brother John L. Sullivan of Cambridge; seven grandchildren; and one nephew.

Memorial contributions may be made to VNA, 1850 Elm St., Manchester, NH 03104.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Josephine R. Zappala*Retired IRS tax examiner*

Josephine R. (DiMauro) Zappala, 78, of Andover, died Thursday, March 28 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Mrs. Zappala was a tax examiner for many years at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover until her retirement.

She was a member of Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence and also attended St. Augustine Church.

She was the widow of Gaetano Zappala.

Members of her family include her daughters, Christine and husband Raymond Cavallaro of Andover, Sandra Johnstone of Nashua, N.H., and Agatha Montgomery of Evans, Colo.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham,

DEATHS

Eileen M. Churchill, 75
Richard A. Durham, 90
Lawrence Gottlieb, 89
Eneval Jesse Jr., 52
Sophie M. Luza, 84
Beverly McKenney, 73
Emiline Terrault-Provost, 84
Mary Rogoz, 82
Alfred F. Sullivan, 70
Albert Ventrillo, 82
Josephine R. Zappala, 78

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

JESSE - Eneval Jesse Jr., 52, formerly of Burlington, died Sunday, March 31, at Lawrence General Hospital. Mr. Jesse worked as a service technician at Woodworth Motors in Andover for the past three years.

MCKENNEY - Beverly (McCarty) McKenney, 73, of North Andover, died Thursday, March 28 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Mrs. McKenney retired as an insurance counselor from Raytheon Co. in Andover.

ROGOZ - Mary (Kazura) Rogoz, 82, of Salem, N.H., died Sunday, March 31 at Holy Family Hospital. Members of her family include her sister, Olga Palenski of Andover.

TERRAULT-PROVOST - Emiline (Elias) Terrault-Provost, 84, of Methuen, died Saturday, March 30 at MI Nursing/Restorative Center. Members of her family include her daughter, Elaine, and husband Sabatino Pitochelli of Andover.

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Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Lawrence Gottlieb*Was a milkman for more than 35 years*

Lawrence Gottlieb, 89, of Haverhill, died Thursday, March 28 at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Mr. Gottlieb was a milkman for White Brothers/Whitings of Quincy for more than 35 years.

Born in Boston, and educated in Quincy, he graduated from Quincy High School.

Mr. Gottlieb wintered in Florida and moved to Haverhill five years ago. He was commodore of the Squantum Yacht Club in Quincy.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El, Quincy Point, and a past

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OBITUARIES

■ LAWRENCE GOTLIEB

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president of the brotherhood.

Members of his family include his wife of 64 years, Stella (Rabinowitz) Gotlieb; son and daughter-in-law, Alan B. and Diane G. Bertoni of Essex Junction, Vt.; daughter, Lois DiNapoli of North Andover; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; six nieces; and a nephew.

Memorial contributions may be made to New England Home for Little Wanderers, 271 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

Arrangements were by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, 106 Summer St., Haverhill.

Sophie M. Luza

Was an executive secretary

Sophie M. Luza, 84, of Methuen, died Tuesday, March 26 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Luza was an executive secretary for several Boston banks and later at Western Electric, now Lucent Technologies, in North

Andover until she retired.

Born and educated in Lawrence, she graduated from Lawrence High School and Burdett College in Boston.

She attended St. Francis Church in Lawrence. Formerly of Methuen, she lived in Greater Lawrence all her life.

Members of her family include a cousin, Eugenia E. Lambert of Methuen.

Arrangements were by Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson St., Lawrence.

Albert Ventrillo

Retired school custodian

Albert Ventrillo, 82, of Andover, died Thursday, March 28 at home.

Mr. Ventrillo was a custodian for the Lawrence school system before he retired.

He was born and educated in Lawrence.

During World War II, Mr. Ventrillo served with the Navy.

Members of his family include his wife, Catherine (Perillo) Ven-

trillo; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Ann Ventrillo of Kansas City, Mo.; daughter, Susan Aberick of Methuen; sister, Lillian Kapeller of East Rutherford, N.J.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

There were no calling hours. Funeral services were private. Cremation will take place.

Arrangements were by Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Women's Relax and Renew Day: Come and treat yourself to our ladies spa day Saturday, April 20 from noon to 3 p.m. Enjoy a nice lunch as well as a massage, aromatherapy, yoga and relaxation session, or maybe treat yourself to a facial while you're here. This will be your day to take care of yourself. Invite a friend and stop by the center to make a reservation.

The Splendor Of Stained Glass: On Monday, April 29 at 1:30 p.m., the center will host Museum of Fine Arts lecturer Miriam Butts, who will trace the development of stained glass as an art form. This exceptional slide lecture will go back to ancient

Egypt, show remarkably preserved mosaics from Italy, and monumental stained glass panels from medieval cathedrals of France, Germany and England. The second part of this program will be a trip to tour glass masterpieces at Boston churches on Thursday, May 16. Cost of the entire program - lecture, tour and transportation - is \$35. Reservations are being accepted at the front desk.

Golf Lessons: The center will offer a series of four lessons for beginners at the Garrison Golf Center in Haverhill. Classes will get underway Wednesday, April 24 at 9 a.m. and run for four consecutive Wednesdays. Cost of the course is \$60, which includes all equipment and instruction. Spaces are limited, call the center to register.

Community Forum - Town

& School Budgets: The senior center will host a community forum on the Andover town and school budgets Tuesday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. The Board of Selectmen, town manager, superintendent of schools, School Committee and Finance Committee have all been invited to participate. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend and participate in this forum before Town Meeting. Call the center if you're planning to come so we may plan appropriately.

Sleep Forum: Are you sleepless in Andover? Dr. Jeanne Duffy, an associate neuroscientist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and an instructor at Harvard Medical School, will address this important issue Friday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the senior center. Dr. Duffy has authored more than 40 articles on the subject of sleep,

and plans to present a lot of valuable information on normal sleep, changes that come with aging, common sleep disorders and tips on getting a good night's sleep. Call the center if you would like to make a reservation.

Creative Cooking: Our April creative cooking (and eating) group will take place next Thursday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch. Reservations (\$6) can be made by calling the center up to three days before class. Newcomers are welcome to join this group at any time. This month's class will feature a seafood casserole.

Brown Bag Lecture: On Wednesday, April 10 at noon, Don Nickerson will treat us to an African Adventure: "Safari through the Serengeti." Enjoy an up-close and personal look at big

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Fifty Years Ago

The Andover Recreation Committee is making preparations to make the annual Easter egg hunt the biggest and most successful event it has ever sponsored. It has purchases 14,000 pieces of candy which will be hidden in and around the playground.

Andover's original quota for the Red Cross drive is still only a little more than three-quarters completed, and now the tornado disaster has increased the amount of money that will be the chapter's share in carrying on the work of the organization.

Formation of a Junior League baseball team is under way. This league is for boys from 13 to 15 years old.

A total of 120 voters were registered Friday at the Town House, the last registration day before the presidential primary, Apr. 29.



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Israeli and American

■ DANIS

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gunfire. In his new neighborhood, Rechizia, things are generally quieter. Still, Danis says, "You never feel far from (terror). Israel is a very small place. You find yourself worrying about people you know."

Danis sees America's war against terror as the same war Israel is fighting. He says he believes that the same sort of fanaticism that caused the Sept. 11 attacks fuels the suicide bombers that have wracked Jerusalem. But Danis says that amid terror, life goes on. "People here still go to work, journey outdoors and even manage to have some fun," he says. Danis says that CNN doesn't show those scenes on the news.

Danis first went to Israel in his junior year at Brandeis University. "When I came here I fell in love with Israel," he says. He returned to Israel after college in a

year-long service program called Project Otzma, during which time he was enrolled in an intensive Hebrew program. At the end of his year in Israel, he returned to Andover and worked for *Town Crossings*, an Eagle-Tribune Publications product, but he knew he had to return. "I enjoyed working at *Town Crossings*, but I felt my heart was back in Israel," says Danis. He currently works as a counselor for American students who are involved in service work. "I have the greatest respect for these kids. It's a tough year to be in Israel."

Danis truly does welcome visitors from the US. He says they could stay in his apartment. He also welcomes e-mail or any correspondence. "I love pen pals and would enjoy corresponding with any Andover classes that wanted to learn more about the region," he says. Danis can be reached at: <tikkunolam43@netscape.net>.

When police side done, fire dept. will relocate

■ SAFETY CENTER

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salaries, as well as pay for storage space for the fire department during the transition and other project needs.

The town's other major construction project – the two new, attached schools – has also fallen behind schedule, and the town has threatened to charge that project's contractor \$2,000 for every day the schools are late, or total damages, whichever is higher. Stapczynski says the same is possible with the safety-center project, though he won't say when the town might play that card. "We can't tell him how to do his work. We can hold him to contract specifications and that's what we're going to do," he says.

June is the next important construction date for fire and police departments. When phase one, the police department, is completed, the police will move into the new building. The fire chief and his secretary will accompany them.

Firefighters, EMTs, their equipment, trucks and ambulances will be dispersed throughout town. Five firefighters will be stationed at a renovated garage at Spring Grove Cemetery. The fire deputy will work out of Ballardvale Station. Extra equipment will be housed at a rented trailer next to West Fire Station.

The changes will delay fire and ambulance response to the center of town by about a minute and a half, says Fire Chief Chuck Murnane, who hopes



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Safety-center site on Wednesday morning. Behind the construction equipment is an area that will be the town's new police station.

that Mello wraps up construction of phase two, the fire department, in the allotted year's time.

"We don't want to see it go beyond that," he says. "Our response (routes) have to be changed. We're renting a trailer at West Station. The longer we stay away, the longer it costs."

The police department has packed files into boxes and completed invento-

ry checks in preparation, says Lt. Jim Hashem. "It's a transition period and we're focused on the goal that eventually we'll be in a new facility and things will be easier to manage, but we're working through it," he says.

The existing safety center will be knocked down before construction of the fire department begins, says Stapczynski.

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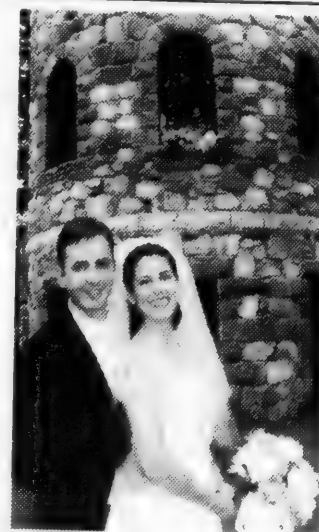
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Senior center

Moving on from Will Hall: A new plan develops

By Rebecca Piro

Taxpayers should pay for a new or expanded senior center with a debt exclusion.

That's the recommendation of the Senior Center Task Force, which presented its findings to selectmen Monday night. Two options – building behind the West Andover Fire Station near the proposed youth-center site, or adding onto the existing center at 36 Bartlet St. – are the site recommendations of 15 volunteers, charged in December to come up with viable options for a larger senior center and ways to pay for it.

Supporters say the current senior center doesn't adequately serve all the seniors who want to participate in programs and activities. They say they need a 27,000 square-foot facility to meet the needs of Andover's 3,800 people aged 65 or older.

"As the baby boom continues, one out of every three residents

will be 60 or older by the year 2020," says Rob Schreiber, Task Force co-chair.

The Task Force began its study by reviewing 14 sites the town had considered years ago. Members narrowed the choices to two options by considering factors such as location, environment and available parking.

A third option, 16 Haverhill St., could be considered if the town forecloses on the building for taxes by April 9, says Liz Elowe, a member of the site subcommittee.

That building currently houses Brookridge Community Church, Perpetual Motion and other businesses.

West Andover and the existing site were considered in prior years and dismissed in favor of Phillips Academy's Will Hall, which the town planned to lease for 30 years. That project ended last summer after a private group failed to raise the needed \$5.2 million to renovate the building. "There is no per-

fect answer," says Task Force member Don Robb.

Art Barber, a member of the financial subcommittee, says town money is the only viable option to pay for a senior center. The Task Force met with Congressman Marty Meehan and state Sen. Sue Tucker to talk about federal or state funding. Both declined to help financially, Barber says. Professional fundraising will be difficult due to the economy and the competition of other projects, and similar factors will make it difficult for the town to secure grants, he adds. "That's just not going to happen and we need to be realistic like that," Barber says.

His subcommittee found that 99 percent of senior centers in Mass. were paid for by public money. "Why should Andover be different?" he says.

The town has \$144,000 left from its seed-money gift of \$500,000 to an earlier senior-center effort, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. Before the town dips into that, he wants town employees, during the next three or four months, to compare the

costs of expanding at the senior center's existing location to building new in west Andover. Selectman Brian Major, who agrees with the Task Force that private fundraising won't work, urged supporters to consider sharing

space with the Andover Youth Foundation, a private group with plans to build a 27,000 square-foot youth center in west Andover.

Selectmen will recommend next steps for the project after Town Meeting.

"There is no perfect answer."

**DON ROBB,
MEMBER OF THE
SENIOR CENTER TASK
FORCE**



Supporters of the Will Hall project watched as the Phillips dorm some hoped would become the next senior center was torn down last year. Now, senior-center supporters are looking to develop a new plan.

Your Dental Health

by Richard D. Hopgood, D.M.D., F.A.G.D.

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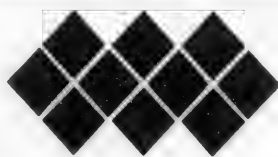
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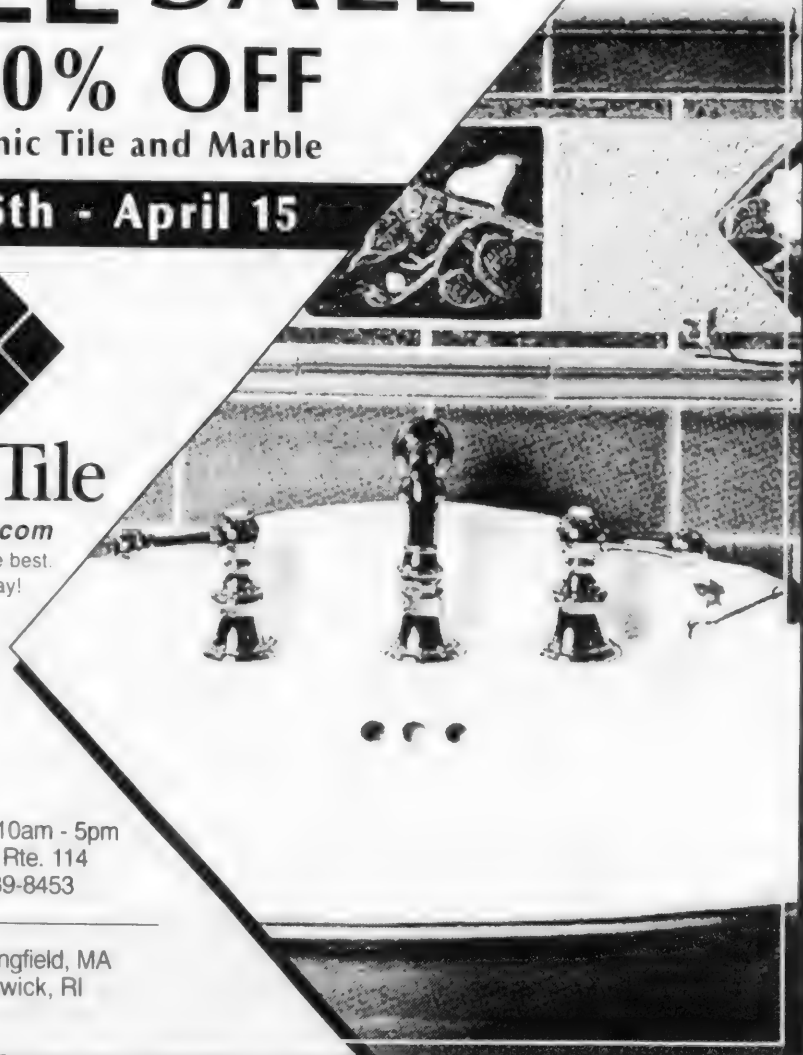
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The following is a list of properties that sold in Andover during November, the most recent time available from the Lawrence Registry of Deeds:

Dorothy Reynolds bought a unit at **22 Railroad St.** for \$262,000 from Joan M. Feeley, executor of the Dorothy A. Sullivan Estate.

Mathew J. Boyle bought **5 Farwood Drive** for \$529,000 from

Alan W. and Dianne M. Letch. The mortgage is through Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems Inc., with Mortgage Network Inc.

Lucy Bonfanti bought **40B Washington St.** for \$70,000 from Butler Nominee Trust, Winnifred W. Butler, trustee. The mortgage is with Lawrence Savings Bank.

Melinda Holly Vietzke bought **2A Colonial Drive** for \$139,000

from Raheela A. Chaudry. The mortgage is through Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems Inc., with Fleet National Bank.

Julie and Hacene Boudries bought **57 Andover St.** for \$345,000 from Joseph Harnden. The mortgage is with Lawrence Savings Bank.

Brenda J. Cammarano bought **8 Marland St.** for \$310,000 from Roseanne Surette. The mortgage

is with Boston Federal Savings Bank.

Leona Cresey bought **22 Linda Road** for \$160,000 from Street Nominee Trust, Timothy D. Sullivan, trustee. The mortgage is with Stoneham Cooperative Bank.

Ralph W. Dunham bought **8 Wedgewood Drive** for \$480,000 from David H. and Jennifer C. Shute. The mortgage is with Medford Cooperative Bank.

Scott and Erica R. Nichols bought **25R River Road** for \$320,000 from the Upper Falls Realty Trust, Robert I. and Carol L. Parker, trustees. The mortgage

is with Canton Institution For Savings.

Elizabeth Pickering of the ACL Realty Trust bought **24 Phillips St.** for \$2,900,000 from 24 Phillips Street Nominee Trust, Anastasios Parafestas, trustee.

Jeffrey I. and Kimberly A. Smith bought **9 Porter St.** for \$700,000 from Marjorie L. Needham, Joyce Ritterhouse and Barbara A. Morey, trustee of the Morey Realty Trust. The mortgage is with Wells Fargo Home Mortgages, Inc. and Abbott Laboratories, Inc.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, March 28 – At 7:42 a.m., Robert McMinn, 56, of 48 Merrimack St., Lowell, was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended license.

Friday, March 29 – At 1:14 p.m., Celso Ramos, 25, of 65 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged with distributing a Class E substance.

At 1:32 p.m., Thomas Sege-

berg, 46, of 440 North Ave., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with attaching plates to a vehicle, driving with a revoked license and driving without insurance or registration.

At 7:39 p.m., Joshua Hancock, 25, of 28 Boston Road, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and defective equipment.

Monday, April 1 – At 10:58 a.m., William Shea, 32, of 9 Shep-

ley St., was arrested and charged with larceny of goods worth more than \$250 and breaking and entering into a dwelling.

At 12:18 p.m., Byron Monroy, 22, of 49 Milton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and with an invalid inspection sticker.

At 7:03 p.m., Patricia Laurie-Hermes, 53, of 984 East St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with failing to drive within marked lanes and driving under the influence of alcohol.

in Newton.

Thursday, March 28 – At 2:30 a.m., police assisted EMTs in transporting to the hospital a female who had taken her medication and consumed alcohol.

At 3:08 a.m., EMTs certified the reported death of an 82-year-old man from Shawsheen Road.

At 3:11 p.m., a teacher from South School reported that two males wearing black clothes were standing at the edge of the school grounds, watching students.

At 5:29 p.m., a Lowell Junction Road resident reported that a female had come to her door, looking for warm clothing. An officer transported the female to a shelter in Lawrence.

At 7:34 p.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported that kids in the neighborhood were throwing things at her house.

At 10:30 p.m., an officer responded to a domestic incident. A female, who was not at home, had requested that the officer check on her home and children, because her husband, with whom she was separated, had stopped by and was reportedly throwing things.

Friday, March 29 – At 1:03 p.m., a caller reported that a dog was locked inside a vehicle on North Main Street with all the windows shut. The animal-control officer determined the dog wasn't in any danger, due to the low temperature, but planned to speak with the owner regardless.

At 3:17 p.m., a caller reported lewd and lascivious behavior in a car parked outside the Ramada Hotel. An officer spoke to the people, who left the scene.

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Flame off: Brush burning extinguished

Dry weather causes ban on burning

By Rebecca Piro

The opportunity to burn brush this year has dried up.

Andover and North Andover fire departments have decided to douse backyard bonfires for the rest of the season, due to dry conditions in both towns.

Usually, burning season runs from Jan. 15 to May 1, says Andover Fire Chief Chuck Murnane. About 600 Andover residents typically apply for the \$10 permit. As of last week, towns stopped selling those permits. This year the Andover fire department has already handed out 200 permits – but even those residents will have to extinguish their plans, Murnane says.

"We've had so little rain, the drought is quite severe, and there's not much relief in sight. We've decided to end it now," he says.

Spring, rather than fall, is more dangerous for brush fires, he adds, because of high winds and thick layers of matted dead leaves and grass that sit close on the ground. "It becomes almost impossible to put (those fires) out. You can fight fires for days like that," he says.

Andover hasn't had any severe brush fires this year, but Murnane predicts some will flare up shortly. "You're going to see some pretty substantial brush fires in the next month in the Northeast," he says.

North Andover's situation is worse. "Everything's dry and it's going to stay dry," says Fire Chief Bill Dolan. North Andover typically hands out 1,000 brush-burning permits. None of those people will be lighting up for the rest of the season.

The water shortage in North Andover is so bad that the town's water supply is at half its capacity, says Bill Hmurciak, North Andover public works director. "The lake is at its lowest at this time of year since 1948," he says.

Last week North Andover enacted a water ban, prohibiting residents from all outdoor water activities, such as washing cars, watering lawns and filling pools.



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Firefighters hope to avoid uncontrolled brush fires by refusing to issue permits.

"We need to be prepared for the worst," says Hmurciak.

That preparation means contemplating emergency water sources, such as Andover's Haggetts Pond. Buying water from Andover is part of North Andover's contingency plan, Hmurciak says.

Andover is one of the only communities in the region with a comfortable water supply. But at Town Meeting, residents will consider passing water-use bylaws, including giving the selectmen the power to impose water bans and fines on some water users.

If Andover does have to battle brush fires in the next couple months, it will have enough water to do so, says Murnane.

"It's nice when we drive by and look at that pond full," he says. "If we have fires where we need large amounts of water, we have the water."

Murnane says the state fire commissioner could declare a ban on brush burning throughout the state in the next couple of weeks.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 27 – At 8:54 p.m., a female from Brechin Terrace reported that her son, who was missing, had probably boarded the wrong train home and ended up someplace else. The boy was found unharmed the next day

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Marked for take down

Five Chestnut Street trees get the ax for sought-after sidewalks

By Judy Wakefield

Five trees on Chestnut Street are coming down to clear the way for new sidewalks.

Tree warden Jack O'Donnell said three oak trees and two maple

trees, located at 150, 192, 194, 204 and 212 Chestnut St., are coming down. They will be replaced with five new trees. The new trees will be either oak, maple or some type of flowering tree.

"We marked the trees so people would know which ones are coming down," said O'Donnell. "Neighbors know about this."

An oak tree on Deerberry Lane, located near South School, was at the center of some protest last month because its owners feared the sewer line coming through their yard might kill the tree. A new easement will be created as a result.

But the Chestnut Street take-down is a different story.

Two years ago, Town Meeting approved \$300,000 for sidewalks on upper Chestnut Street. Neighbors voiced concerns about heavy traffic and the curviness of the tree-lined street. It is a major street used by drivers and pedestrians to get downtown.

Plus, the street is used by middle-schoolers who walk to Doherty Middle School.

A public hearing held two weeks ago on the Chestnut Street tree take-down drew just one resident. O'Donnell said he took one phone call from a resident who was pleased to hear the trees will be replaced.

O'Donnell said the new Chestnut Street sidewalks will "look

Awards for forestry

Jack O'Donnell believes other towns are green with envy as Andover has captured two top honors for the attention his forestry department pays to trees around town.

O'Donnell will pick up a "Tree City" award on May 11 for Andover's forestry department. Andover is one of 66 communities in Massachusetts being lauded by the Department of Environmental Management with this designation. O'Donnell, a certified tree arborist who joined the town's payroll four years ago, said Andover has received this award for the past three years.

In addition, DEM has nominated Andover's four-man forestry crew for a "Growth Award" given out by the

National Arbor Day Foundation. O'Donnell said Andover received that award, too.

"These awards show that our forestry crew does a good job with tree preservation and maintenance efforts around town. This crew goes above and beyond," O'Donnell said.

The four who make-up the town's forestry crew are foreman Paul Fischer, Helmut Luech, Mark Reilly and Patrick O'Hagan. All four are Andover residents and have been longtime town employees.

Fischer has been at the job for 35 years, while Luech, Reilly and O'Hagan have been working on the forestry crew for at least 15 years.

— Judy Wakefield



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

On notice - Chestnut Street residents are losing a few trees this week to get the sidewalks they requested at Town Meeting. The trees will be replaced. Residents pushed for sidewalks saying they wanted to make the area safer for children.

great" as they will have granite curbing, like the new sidewalks on Maple Avenue and High Street.

O'Donnell also said some residents assume that all trees have to come down when sidewalks are moved or constructed. He said that was a myth. He cited a recent sidewalk construction on William Street, located in the Shawsheen section of town, as an example of where a tree had the right-of-way. There, the sidewalk was able to go

around an existing tree.

"The engineers are really good about it. Unless we really have to, we don't take down trees," he said, noting that Andover takes tree preservation very seriously.

In fact, the town has once again been designated a "Tree City" in the state for the attention it pays to existing trees. Andover is one of 66 communities to earn the honor this year.

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Education

TAKING THE OATH



Christopher Smith being sworn in as a School Committee member on Tuesday by Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

384 parents petition School Committee to keep music lessons

By Ben Hellman

Lea LaDue Goldstein, Andover music parent and violin teacher of 23 years, presented a petition to the School Committee supporting the keeping of elementary music lessons during the school day.

The petition was signed by 384 parents of children in the Andover schools. Goldstein was among the concerned parents and music faculty who voiced their concerns about the program being cut three weeks ago to the School Committee. The petition stated the parent's willingness to pay a "reasonable stipend" to keep the lessons during the school day. Goldstein said that if lessons were moved after school it would exclude sports kids, kids with parents who work and religious-school students.

Committee member Gerry Gustus seemed convinced. "It's clear to me that parents want (the lessons) during the day," he said.

Superintendent Claudia Bach took another view. Bach said that roughly 25 percent of elementary students participate in instrumental lessons, and she believes a similar percentage of parents are interested in retaining the instrumental lessons during the day. Bach said that most of the parents at PTO meetings in the last months have stated that they would rather move the elementary instrumental lessons after school.

Gustus countered that at the time of those meetings the administration was presenting a plan that eliminated 18 classroom teachers.

Skip Eccles supported making one of the three physical-education periods that the students have every week available for the music lessons. Other committee members remained silent and the matter was not decided.

Girdwood elected to chair new School Committee lineup

TINA GIRDWOOD WAS UNANIMOUSLY elected chairperson of the School Committee at this week's meeting. She was nominated by Skip Eccles.

Dick Collins was elected secretary after nomi-

nating Gerry Gustus for the same position.

In his first formal action on the School Committee, Christopher Smith seconded Eccles's nomination of Collins. Gustus had declined Collins's nomination.

Letters to Afghanistan get a first-class delivery

By Ben Hellman

TODAY, Thursday, April 4, US Rep. Marty Meehan expects to hand-deliver the letters of 45 Doherty Middle School eighth-graders to US servicemen and women in Afghanistan.

Meehan told the students that he hoped "to learn first-hand what was going on on the ground."

The congressman is part of a special delegation that will travel to Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Turkey and Russia. Meehan is the senior Democrat on the mission and a ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee's Military Research and Development Subcommittee.

"It is important for leaders to go to the front line to show our support," he said to the students. He said that it was better to go to the front line than to read reports.

"It is important for leaders to go to the front line to show our support."

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Meehan held a question-and-answer session with the students. One student asked if the Big Dig could be a potential terrorist target. Meehan responded that anywhere a lot of people gather could

be a potential target. He mentioned Fenway Park as an example. Asked if he thought another attack like the one on Sept. 11 was possible, he said, "Yes I do." He said that a small plane flying into a nuclear power plant would be a disaster.

Asked if life in Washington was back to normal, he said, "I don't think life will ever be back to normal." He discussed new security measures, such as restrictions on tourists entering the Capitol and the White House and new procedures concerning how mail is handled.

Asked if airport security measures would be loosened in time, Meehan said, "We can never let our guard down again."

Meehan told the students that the troops are homesick and that they would appreciate their letters.

Asked what they wrote in their letters Julie Wadland said, "how we're proud of the soldiers." Noelle Petrillo said, "That they are our heroes."

Liz Roda wrote, "Kick some butt!"



PHOTO BY GRETCHEN ERTL/THE EAGLE-TRIBUNE

US Rep. Marty Meehan looks at decorated envelopes containing letters to American servicemen written by Doherty Middle School eighth-graders, including Mike Monaco, 14, second from left, John Penny, 14, second from right, and Luke Bruno, 14, right.

Doherty PAC meets tonight at 7

The Doherty Middle School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will sponsor a panel discussion with high-school students on "Life at Andover High."

Middle-school students and their parents are invited to attend the event tonight, Thursday, April 4, at 7 in the Media Center. For information, call PAC president Norma Villarreal at 978-475-4485.

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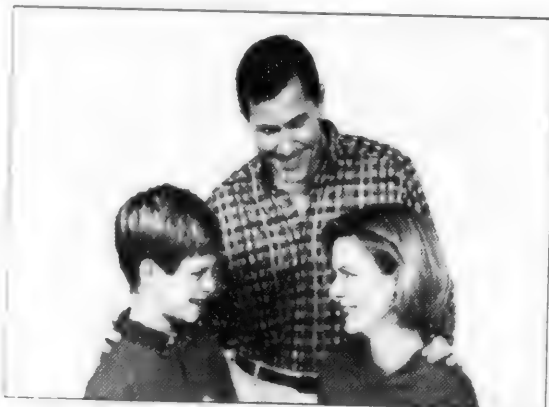
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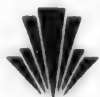
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LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, April 8-12:

Elementary schools

Monday: Spaghetti and sweet Italian sausage, mozzarella sticks, cheeseburger with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, chocolate chip pancakes, pizza ring with marinara sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken McSchool, corn dog on a stick, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk. Lucky Tray Day.

Thursday: Stuffed green peppers, french toast with sausage, toasted cheese with soup, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Rodeo burger, french bread pizza, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk; brownie.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Spaghetti and meatballs, chicken McSchool, nachos with cheese sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, baked chicken nuggets, two hot dogs with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Two monte cristo sandwiches with fries, stuffed crust pizza, cheeseburger with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Stuffed bell peppers, baked chicken nuggets, pizza stick with two pretzels, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Beef & cheese sub, stuffed crust pizza, mozzarella sticks, fruit, veggie and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Two pork chops with potato, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, bakery pizza, spaghetti ilio olio, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Two hot dogs with chips, stuffed crust pizza, rotini with marinara sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey dinner, bakery pizza, baked macaroni and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Salisbury steak with mashed potato, stuffed crust pizza, American chop suey, fruit, veggie and milk.

New Healthy Choice menu

Salads: chef's, chicken, caesar, pasta with roll, fruit and milk.

Soup and 1/2 sandwich: on bulkie with potato salad, fruit, raisins, brownie and milk; imported ham, deli turkey, chicken salad, tuna salad, seafood salad.

Calzones with fries, fruit and milk, cold cut, chicken parm, ham and cheese, cheeseburger.

Pizza rings, fresh risen dough brushed with a garlic sauce, topped with whole mozzarella and topped with pepperoni, served with a cup of pizza sauce, fruit and milk.

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SCHOOL TALK

Registration for the **Department of Community Services'** most popular summer programs began Monday, April 1 at the DCS office. Programs sessions fill early for the Shee-Hee (ages 3-5), and the All Day Discovery (entering 1-6). Other popular programs include Children's Studio for the Arts (for grades 4-6) and CSA Jr. (entering grade 2-3), and Club For All (ages 5-9), Skyhawks Sports Programs (ages 4-14), Sport-O-Rama (grades 1-6) and John Smith Soccer (grades 1-6).

Registration for the traditional summer programs of swimming, sailing, tennis, and sports and enrichment programs will begin Wednesday, June 12 at **Memorial Auditorium** at 7 p.m. Summer brochures will be mailed to Andover residents mid- to late May. Program booklets have detailed class descriptions, class meeting times and locations.

Consult the Andover home page on the Internet at www.town.andover.ma.us for program information listed under Department of Community Services. See page 22 of the winter booklet for brief summer fun descriptions.

For additional program information, call DCS at 978-623-8274. Register for the summer fun programs by phone or fax, or send payment to DCS, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, 01810.

There will be a **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** meeting at Andover High School Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.

Listen to questions and answers with AHS Principal Peter Anderson, and then hear what the Small Schools Committee has been exploring to improve AHS.

The DCS spring enrichment after-school session for elementary grade students will begin the week of April 8. Classes are held at **South School** and are open to students townwide. There are limited openings in the following courses: Young Thesians (ages 9-12), where students will refine their acting skills and be given coaching in scene- and character work, preparing for future auditions, as well as creating a production they will perform as a culminating experience. Young Artist Workshop, Focus: Hand-built Ceramics (ages 9-12) will teach

students specific techniques in creating original sculptures; Young Artist Workshop, Focus: Painter's Palette (ages 9-12), where students learn color theory and can explore and experiment with media as they create original compositions; Young Authors Workshop (grades 2 and 3), introduces the writing styles of famous authors and leads students through the steps involved in the writing process from first draft to an original published work. Study Skills, The Transition (grade 3) presents essential study skills necessary for a smooth adjustment to the inter-

mediate grades, where there is increased focus on content learning and research skills.

All classes are taught by teachers and professionals in the field. Specific days and times can be found in the DCS booklet or at the office on Bartlet Street, where parents can register, or by phone 978-623-8274. For more information, call **Elly Seavey**, coordinator, 978-475-3319 after 5 p.m.

This year the **Andona Society** will award five \$2000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors whose official, permanent

residence is Andover. One of these awards will be designated as a 766 PAC scholarship. Seniors attending **Andover High School**, **Greater Lawrence Technical School**, or a private school are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

Applications are now available at the Andover High guidance office. Private school seniors can obtain applications at the **Memorial Hall Library** reference desk or by mailing a request to: Andona Society, PO Box 256, Andover, 01810, Attn: **Pat Krattenmaker**.

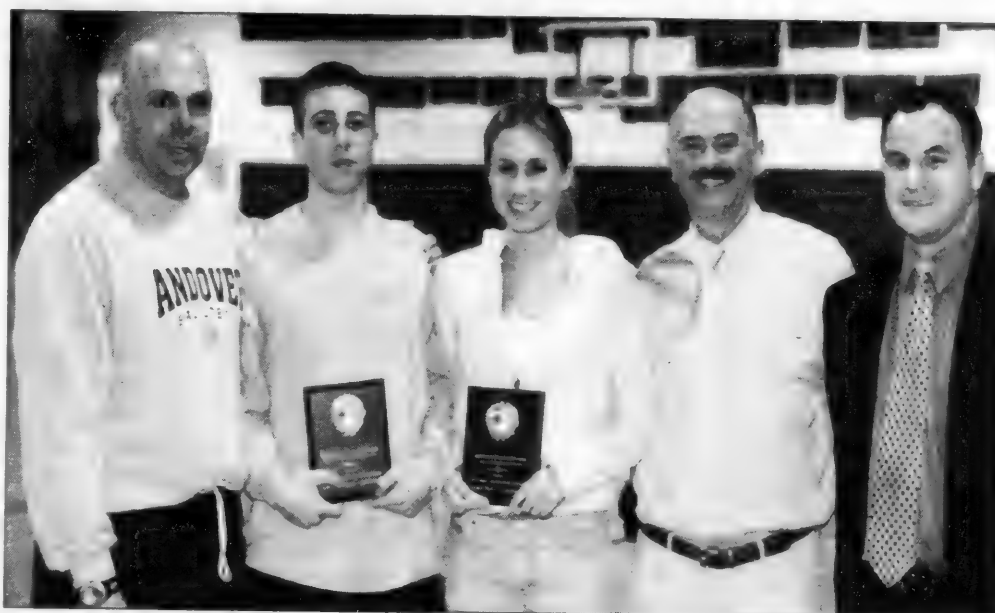
AHS applications must be received in the school guidance office by Friday, April 14. Private school and other postal applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 14.

The Andona Society, a non-profit charitable organization founded in 1952, raised more than \$50,000 last year to benefit Andover youth programs. Andona contributed funds for the Andover Skateboard Park, AHS Senior Safari, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, challenged youth programs, Gender Initiative AWE-some Summer, trauma intervention programs, various sport teams, Odyssey of the Mind teams, Friends of Andover Youth Fashion Show, Shakespeare in the Park, Homegrown Film Festival, AHS marching band, PAC organizations, community service programs, aquarium and science museum passes for town residents, and elementary- and middle-school cultural programs.

In addition, the organization provided financial assistance for 45 Andover students to attend camp last summer.

For more information on the Andona Society, or to receive membership information, contact **Suzanne Ingram**, membership chairperson, at 978-475-3380.

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Athlete of the Month - Andover High student athletes are being honored each month for leading teammates by their performance or leadership. **Jenny Muller** is the winner for February in girls' basketball. **Muller** was the team leading scorer and was named **Merrimack Valley Conference Girls' Player of the Year**. **Chris Vetrano** is the winner for March in boys' basketball. **Vetrano** was also the team leading scorer and **MVC Boys' Player of the Year**. Both students also topped the 1,000-point career total. From left are **Dave Fazio**, boys basketball coach; **Chris Vetrano**; **Jenny Muller**; **Jim Tildsley**, girls basketball coach; and **Doug Howes**, financial adviser. **Lighthouse Financial** presented the awards at AHS.

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WHAT'S UP

Making an impact on the lives of other girls

By Kyra Auffermann
Andover High School

AT AN AGE WHEN MOST girls' worlds are limited to sports teams, friends, and strawberry lip gloss, Jennifer Muscatello, who is now a freshman at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, was founding Jump Start, a weekly literacy program sponsored by the Lawrence Girls Club.

In her brief interview, she came across as an infectious cheerful, eloquent and energetic person.

Jennifer wanted to improve her community while imparting her love of reading on the girls at the club. She says that she noticed how depleted their supply of books was and wanted to make a difference. "I just really love working with the kids," she says. The program met weekly – but as of right now it isn't as active as it usually is due to Jennifer's hectic schedule, so the meetings are spaced out to every other Satur-

day. Lasting for an hour to an hour and a half, the girls play games, read, discuss literature or poetry and do crafts relating to that day's theme.

Jennifer's humanitarian efforts won her recognition as one of the 34 nationwide Nestle Very Best in Youth 2001 honorees. The program's purpose is to acknowledge exceptional young people who have demonstrated a commitment to reading and academic excellence as well as made tangible contributions to the quality of life in their communities.



Jennifer Muscatello

The recipients, as stated by Kenneth W. Bentley, vice president of community affairs for Nestle USA, "share a common commitment and passion for reading, educating and community service. They serve as examples of what's right with American youth." The winners are presented with \$1,000 to donate to a non-profit organization of their choice



Honor role – Jennifer Muscatello (in back, at left) founded Jump Start, a weekly literacy program sponsored by the Lawrence Girls Club, and promoted a love of books and reading among Lawrence students. She is one of the 34 nationwide Nestle Very Best in Youth 2001 honorees.

(in Jennifer's instance, it is the Lawrence Girls Club) and a trip to Los Angeles for the awards ceremony, as well as the chance to be featured in the third edition of Nestle's *The Very Best in Youth* book.

Jennifer herself is an intelligent and ambitious student. After college, she wants to become a middle-school history or English teacher. The teachers she has encountered throughout her own education have inspired her to

want to pass on the knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm that she's experienced, she says. Through her committed work helping the community, Jennifer has already touched many lives of younger girls, providing herself as a role model, teacher, inspiration and friend. "(The girls) are very appreciative of the time I spend with them and I am thrilled to be able to share in their challenges and triumphs."

Jennifer sets a positive example for any young people who want to take the initiative to help the people in their neighborhood. She combines her own passion of reading with a drive to make a lasting impact in other girls' lives.


She is quoted in Nestle's *The Very Best in Youth* book as saying, "We really do need to make literacy and education, in general, a priority in all communities. We also need volunteers to help. I think there are a lot of people that don't realize how helpful their gift of time could be to others."

► Kyra Auffermann is the *WHAT'S UP* intern at the *Townsmen*. *WHAT'S UP* is written by kids, for kids. For more information about *WHAT'S UP*, call the *Townsmen* at 978-475-7000. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsmen.com

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Amazing Feat

There is a picture on the wall in Paul Pelland's shoe repair shop of an enormous pair of shoes. Pelland, owner of Paul's Shoe Repair on Bartlet Street, made the shoes for the late wrestler Andre the Giant.

"I used to work for a guy in the (World Wrestling Federation)," explains Pelland. His job was to transform a pair of sneakers into dress shoes for Andre the Giant, who starred in movies such as *The Princess Bride*.

"He needed something he could wear with a suit and tie," says Pelland. The wrestler wore a size 22 shoe and Pelland had 24 hours to turn the job around.

— Ben Hellman

Caught in the Webbing

Ernie Paicopolos of Somerset Drive is an obsessed Red Sox fan, a season ticket holder, a guy who started a Red Sox Web site to talk with his friends about the team. So Monday, Opening Day, he was at Fenway Park, right?

"Actually, I don't like Opening Day. I haven't been to one in literally decades," he says. "There are basically 35,000 fair-weather and wannabe fans who won't show up the rest of the year."

Paicopolos and seven friends bring those types of opinions to the site <www.fenwaynation.com>, which begins its third season this year.

"It's just a vehicle to vent and talk to each other," says Paicopolos. "Just having a forum for seven or eight of us to bat around our thoughts because we very seldom agree on anything."

The site also provides links to coverage of the Sox and other American League East teams and offers a Web question. The results can be as mystifying as a Tim Wakefield knuckleball. The most recent question — should fired general manager Dan Duquette get a ring if the Sox win it all this year — showed that fans were split almost evenly on the issue. Even the Duke might be surprised to learn he has so many fans.

— Neil Fater

Romanian holiday

The classrooms aren't finished yet, but the new schools have already hosted a world geography lesson.

The mayor of a Romanian city and employees of a Romanian energy company toured the site of High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools last week, observing the energy-efficient technology that Andover is implementing.

Romanian energy companies have worked with Haverhill energy company ERS on past projects. ERS has done consulting work for Andover.

Romania, a third-world country, is currently formulating an energy-conservation master plan, and the visitors traveled to New England to see the technology in person. Though ERS has not worked with the new schools, the company requested permission to bring the visitors through a modern building in progress.

"(Romanians) are trying to rebuild their country, and they're coming here to get ideas, see our products and take them back," says Joe Piantedosi, director of Plant and Facilities.

Mayor Traian Sabau of the city Ramnicu Valcea, touring the grounds of the unfinished building in a suit, tie and hard hat, was pleased by what he saw.

"He says he's very impressed by the duct work and all the types of technology," said his translator, Dan Birleanu, a project manager for ERS.

— Rebecca Piro

Kathy Rodger of Andover retires as dean of NECC's Lawrence campus

By Judy Wakefield

THE ACCOLADES continue for Andover resident Kathy Rodger as she bids farewell to her job at Northern Essex Community College.

Rodger, a 30-year resident of Andover, is the longtime dean of NECC's downtown Lawrence campus.

She will retire on June 15, which is her 60th birthday. Her key reason for retiring is summed up in these two words: "it's time," she said.

While her eligibility for the state's early-retirement bill played a role in her decision to retire at age 60, it was her own mortality that played a bigger role.

When a dear friend and colleague died of cancer just six months after being diagnosed, it really got Rodger thinking about the importance of retiring while she is healthy.

"I have a wonderful life. David and I have two wonderful daughters and I have always enjoyed my job," said Rodger, who is married to David Rodger, owner of an antiquarian bookstore in Andover, Andover Books & Prints on Park Street. "I figured I might as well leave this job while I can still walk."

Their daughters are Katie Rodger, 26, who lives in California, and Amy Rodger, 24, a third-grade teacher at Community Day Charter School in Lawrence.

Rodger speaks Spanish fluently and is a longtime advocate for Lawrence's Latino community. Next week she presents her dissertation on adult Latinos, a project she said she has been working on for more than 10 years.

"Thick as a brick," is how she described her research.

Rodger has been with NECC for the past 18 years. When she started, NECC was housed in various locations around Lawrence. College officials were always on the prowl for a permanent campus in Lawrence to provide English classes, job training, and associate degrees to Lawrence's Latinos.

Eleven years ago, NECC found a home when the former Prudential Life Insurance Co., located at 45 Franklin St. in Lawrence, closed. The giant building became the permanent home for NECC's Lawrence campus. Rodger was



Kathy Rodger will retire June 15 as dean of Northern Essex Community College's downtown Lawrence campus.

named dean.

The move was by no means easy. Rodger said established programs at NECC's Haverhill campus, including the popular nursing program, were forced to relocate and staffers were not thrilled about working in downtown Lawrence.

It was Rodger who served as a key cheerleader for the move and worked hard to convince people that the campus would be safe and students would come.

Today's enrollment statistics show she was right. The campus has grown 45 percent in the last five years and houses an extension campus on nearby Amesbury Street. About 2,000 students are enrolled.

The Lawrence campus now houses the college's premier programs: criminal justice, paralegal studies and nursing.

"I am proud that people realize we are no longer the little poor cousin of the Haverhill campus. We are a part of the whole campus now," she said.

"We are proud of the programs that did not want to come and are now saying they will never go back to Haverhill," she added.

That cheerleader-for-downtown-Lawrence reputation has earned her many civic awards from groups around Merrimack Valley, including the Yankee Clipper Distinguished Citizen Award in 2000.

She adds yet another one later this month when the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will honor her with its top prize for community service — the Ralph B. Wilkinson Award.

But what Rodger is most proud of isn't on her office wall — it can be seen through her office window.

"My window looks over the courtyard and there are probably 20 students, most likely nursing students and lots of Latinos. Just seeing this is remarkable because there was nothing here 18 years ago," she observed. "Nothing."

That scene, she said, is her legacy.

"This place will stay when I leave," she said. "(Former college president) John Dimitry had the vision. It was wonderful to be a part of making it happen."

Open house this Saturday at the Peabody Museum

The Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology and the Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society will co-host an open house Saturday, April 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. The event previews a new exhibition and offers tours of the ongoing exhibits at the museum. The Peabody Museum is

located at the corner of Main and Phillips streets, on the campus of Phillips Academy. Admission is free.

The new exhibition, "Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody," is the collaborative effort of an elective history class at Phillips Academy and the museum

staff. It displays ethnographic objects from the museum's extensive collections of both North and South America.

A series of photographs illustrate the activities of the museum's key players over the past 100 years.

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That's why they call it 'the blues'

I don't recall when that seed was planted. When exactly did my connection with the color blue first bloom? I know it rose to great heights two years ago when I read that blue is the rarest color found in a garden. "Then my garden needs some blue," I decided.

And since roses don't come in blue, I planted dozens of blue pansies and blue petunias all around my light blue irises. I also spray painted clay pots. Cobalt blue, of course. And then I found a ceramic blue bird bath — the color of an October sky — at a local hardware store. Thus, a plentitude of blue graced my garden.



Lorraine
Lordi

But when I think back, my preference for blue began long before I knew about gardens. Was it way back in the early '70s when Levi jeans came only in blue? When Joni Mitchell's *Blue* album came out? Or was it a few years later when I was drawn to Picasso's

blue period paintings and came face to face with his *Blue Guitarist* in the Art Institute of Chicago?

(You know, it's the most amazing thing. If you look closely at this picture, you can detect the subtle imprint of a young woman whose face and body overlap that of the bent over, old guitarist. But you have to look closely to see her. You have to look at the brush strokes that travel above and beyond the blue).

Or was it years before that — when purple was (and still is) my most favorite color. Way back when I was 5? Because then (and even now), the things you needed — like shoes and uniform jumpers and pants to play in — didn't come in any shade of purple. So blue was the next closest color?

Perhaps that's it. But I don't think I realized exactly the extent to which the color blue dominated my life until I went to look for a new car last fall.

"Exactly what kind of car do you have in mind?" an eager salesperson asked me.

I thought for a minute: "A blue one," I said. That was my only criterion.

But before the car, there was the new couch I had picked out for the den. Colonial blue. And a blue chair to match the couch. Naturally. Then a rug to match the couch and chair: "I'll just paint the light parts of this old rug a deep shade of blue," I decided. So off I went to Ben Franklin's for fabric paint. It had the perfect color. Midnight blue.

But even before the car and furniture, I was subtly bringing blue into my home. My friend Pat talked me into buying eight blue plates last summer. She didn't have to twist my arm. And then last month, I happened upon these lovely water glasses that have blue flowers on them. There's a tiny orange bud on each glass, too. But other than that, they're mostly blue. Blueberry blue.

("Rainy, darling, you know I hate to eat off of a blue plate!" my grandmother complains when I put the only blue plate in the summer camp directly in front of her. She puts on a playful frown. I've set the table and teased her like this every summer since I can remember.)

"Really, Granna?" I feign surprise. "Well then, I'll gladly take the blue one. And you can have the plain old white one."

"That's much better, dear," she nods and grins. Her light blue eyes twinkle like stars in a navy blue sky. I could hug her to pieces).

And as far as winter boots? Usually, I go up to the attic and grab any one of the kids' old pair. But this year as I was strolling by a shoe store in Londonderry, I saw these blue suede hiking boots in the store window: "What a remarkable shade of blue," I thought to myself. "Like an August sky." So I had to go in and buy them.

Now spring is here. My garden is waiting. I'm wondering if anyone has figured out how to grow royal blue roses yet.

► Lorraine Lordi is an Eagle-Tribune Publications columnist.

Andover Garden Club represented at New England Spring Flower Show



PHOTOS BY FRANCES Y. J. WHEELER

Five members of the Andover Garden Club — Joyce Bakshi, Helga Frazzette, Leslie Frost, Ann Lange, and club president Claire Sylek — created arrangements for last

month's New England Spring Flower Show. Above left is Joyce Bakshi's entry in this year's Spring Flower Show. She will participate in the Museum of Fine Arts "Art in Bloom 2002" this month.



Above right, Leslie Frost submitted this entry in the show. With 100 members, many of whom are also arrangers, the club regularly features lectures, demonstrations, and workshops on floral design.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY NEWS

By Norma Gammon

Community service coordinator,
Memorial Hall Library

HERE ARE SOME of the activities coming up at Memorial Hall Library in March.

Cultural events

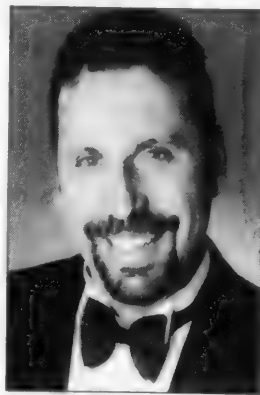
Sunday, April 7, 2:30 p.m.

A concert by Andover resident Christina Puntoni, Lyric Soprano. Puntoni has performed regularly as a soloist with the Lowell Opera Company in addition to her work as a church and wedding soloist.



She recently performed the role of Rosalinde in Lowell Opera's

full staged production of Strauss's *Die Fledermaus* and the role of Violetta in staged scenes from Verdi's *La Traviata*. She has appeared in several opera galas and recitals around the Boston area.



Fred
Furnari



Nancee
Soteroplos



Karla
Kelley

Wednesday, April 17, 9:30 a.m.

Actress Judy Bernstein presents "Food Fancies of the Famous - from Caesar to Sinatra." "A delightful and delicious program to whet your appetite about famous celebrities and their time and place in history," organizers said of her show. "Judy is a beautiful and talented lady. Dressed in a chef's uniform of sparkling white, she relates from memory fascinating facts about food that people from Cicero to Frank Sinatra were served and liked. Her prodigious memory serves her well. How she does it we will never know," they said. The audience will be enthralled, not only with the subject matter, but also her presentation.

◀ Judy Bernstein presents "Food Fancies of the Famous - from Caesar to Sinatra" on Wednesday, April 17 at Memorial Hall Library.

▲ Sunday, April 21, 2:30 p.m.

"A Day of Song" with Fred Furnari, bass-baritone; Nancee Soteroplos, soprano; and Karla Kelley, pianist.

Fred Furnari had his first operatic performance in 1999 as Il Commendatore in Longwood Opera's production of *Don Giovanni*. He also has appeared as Sarastro in *Operafest!* New Hampshire's production of *The Magic Flute*, *The Devil and Daniel Webster*, and as the Pirate King in Savoyard Light Opera's *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Nancee Soteroplos was engaged in theatres in Detmold and Koblenz, Germany, and London, England, where she sang and performed in operas, operettas, and musicals, as well as concerts and recitals.

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

April 22, 10:30 a.m.

THE ORCHARD, Adele Crockett Robertson

GREAT BOOKS

April 9, 7:30 p.m.

A STUDY OF HISTORY (vol. 1 Somerville edition), Toynbee

April 23, 7:30 p.m.

RIME OF THE ANCIENT MARINER, Coleridge

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

April 8, 7:15 p.m.

WHITE TEETH, Zadie Smith

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

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BARBARO – A daughter, Julianna Lindsey Barbaro, to Stephen and Linda A. Stow-Barbaro of Andover on Feb. 4 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are John and Jeanette Stow of Andover and James Barbaro of Saugus and Katherine Williams of Malden.

DAY – A son, Thomas Grant Day, born to Thomas R. Bozek and Jennifer S. Day, on March 18. Grandparents are Cheryl and Gary Day of Andover and Kathy and Joseph Bozek of Lawrence.

FRANKFORT – A daughter, Brianna Nicole Frankfort, born to Allison (Hill) and Gary Frankfort of Westford on Feb. 21. Grandparents are Leonard and Carole Hill of Andover and Robert and Barbara Frankfort of Commack, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Vera Hill of North Andover and Arthur Siegel of Greenwich, Conn. Brianna joins Brendan and Eric.

FRASER – A daughter, Lauren Elinor Fraser, to Laurie and Paul Fraser of Scotland Drive, on

Feb. 18 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Grandparents are Elinor Fraser of Reading and Lorraine Carvalho of Woburn. Lauren joins Connor, 7, and Katherine, 4.

HEIM – A son, Aidan Donald Heim, born to Tara Richards-Heim and Darrell Heim of North Andover on Feb. 26 at Emerson Hospital in Concord. Grandparents are Maryanne and Dennis Richard of Andover and Barbara Heim of Salem, N.H. Aidan joins big brother John, 8.

RAUH – A daughter, Lily Hannah Rauh, to Lisa (Wicker) and Thomas Rauh of Andover. Lily was born June 9, 2001 in JiangXi Province, China. She was welcomed into the family on March 17. Lily joins Rachel, 13, Carly, 10, and Jake, 5.

ROSE – A daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Rose, to Christopher and Sarah L. (Reddish) Rose of Andover on March 24. Grandparents are Robert and Betsey Reddish of Andover and Elizabeth Rose of Stoneham.

LIBRARY NEWS

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

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appearing areas of the city's past.

REFERENCE NEWS

**April 9, 7:30 a.m., breakfast
7:45 a.m., demonstration**

Need information, but can't get away from the office? Make Memorial Hall Library your virtual corporate library. The library invites members of the business community to join us for breakfast and a presentation on the library's business resources. We will be demonstrating electronic business directories, online magazine databases, and links from our home page to some great business Web sites. We will also demonstrate our 24/7 reference service, which allows you to engage in online chat with a librarian.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4, 11:30am

The prize-winning "Bastey

Boys" will bring barbecue to an art form at the library. These barbecue champions will demonstrate their award-winning sauces. Taste barbecued chicken, pork and salmon for a donation of \$5.

Beginning May 4, Abelardo Morell has created a camera obscura that brings the busy activity of historic Elm Square into a reading room just inside the library's main entrance.

Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 a.m.

"Understanding the Language of Grasses," with horticulturist and arborist Peter Coletti.

MEMORIAL LECTURE & LUNCHEON

May 18, 11 a.m.

Julie Lapham will present a "Celebration of Spring" floral demonstration in memory of Diane Hill, former Andover resident and librarian.

Museum has a visual timeline

OPEN HOUSE AT PEABODY

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Warren K. Moorehead, the first curator, and Alfred V. Kidder, the "Father of Archaeology," are acknowledged for their work at the Etowah site in Georgia and Pecos Pueblo in New Mexico in the early 1900s.

In 1948, Fred Johnson began collaboration on 14C dating and several years later Doug Byers helped to document the Bull Brook site in Ipswich, Massachusetts.

Scotty MacNeish is remem-

bered for the Tehuacan project in Mexico and his work on the origination of corn – the grain that fed the Americas.

The most recent director, James Bradley, was nationally acclaimed for his repatriation efforts.

The special Saturday afternoon opening presents a visual timeline of the Peabody Museum and an opportunity to visit one of Andover's and America's cultural treasures, organizers said.

For more information, call 978-749-4490; or visit <www.andover.edu/rspeabody>.

Arts & Entertainment

AHS Drama Guild presents stories of struggle

Students to perform original 'Still I Rise' and Tennessee Williams's 'The Glass Menagerie'

By Rebecca Piro

Turning down the house lights won't be the only reason that darkness settles over the Collins Center this weekend.

Andover High School Drama Guild will play a double feature comprised of *Still I Rise*, a student-written piece inspired by a Maya Angelou poem, and Tennessee Williams's *The Glass Menagerie*. Both plays speak of sadness, struggles and searching.

"It's a dark play," says drama teacher Susan Sepich, referring to Williams's autobiographical *Menagerie*, written in the 1940s. Tom, the main character, is Williams's real first name and closely portrays the author's family life. "Tom's (real-life) sister is very much out of touch with reality, just as Laura is here," Sepich says.

"She's chronically shy, she has so much fear of everything," says junior Meghan Bradley who plays Laura. Her character loses herself in her world of glass animals, or menagerie, to escape the reality that she's too afraid to face.

"Tom's conflict is that he wants to leave the house and be a writer, but he can't because he has to support his sister," says sophomore Jeff Kane, who plays Tom.

Tom will smoke cigarettes on stage, as called for by the script, to portray his nervous, unstable character. He narrates the story and participates in the action.

The cast tops off with senior Danielle Huntley, who plays their mother, Amanda — another character who lives in the past and hurts her children without realizing it — and junior Alex Hanna, who plays Jim, the only spark of reality in the family's life.

Similar struggles will preface that play in *Still I Rise*, a piece about rising above oppression. The 36-minute play, conceived by Sepich for March's state High School Drama Festival, depicts pain-filled scenarios including a violent boyfriend-girlfriend relationship and a new girl teased at school.

"It's an edgy piece," Sepich says.

The play, which did not contin-

ue to the Festival's final rounds, won four awards.

The plays are a far cry from the more upbeat musicals AHS has put on recently, Sepich adds. "I thought it was time for us to do a serious American classic," she says.



Amanda, played by senior Danielle Huntley, ignores her problems by living in the past.



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Junior Meghan Bradley loses herself in the world of her glass animals as the sorrowful Laura.

What: AHS Drama Guild's *Still I Rise* and *The Glass Menagerie*

When: Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: AHS Collins Center

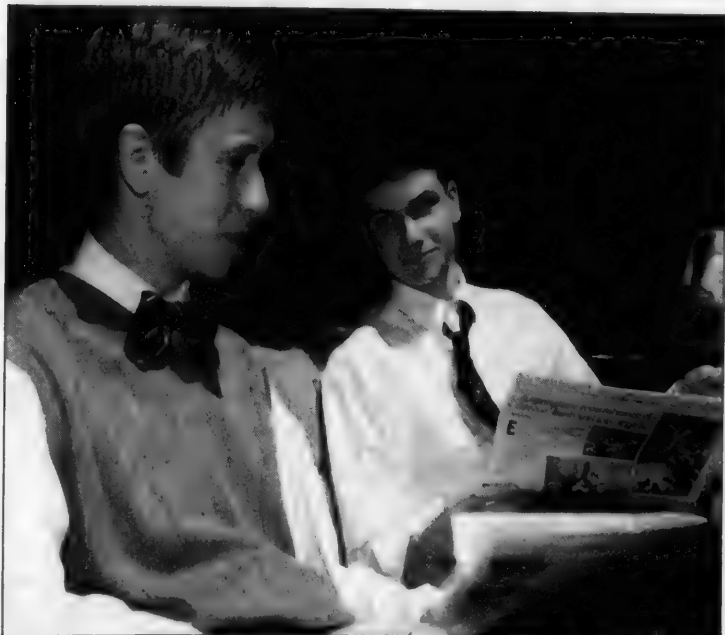


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Tom, played by sophomore Jeff Kane (right), tries to lighten the mood with a little friendly conversation between himself and "gentleman caller" Jim, played by junior Alex Hanna.

AHS Guild show for good cause

By Rebecca Piro

Andover High School's Drama Guild show is a double feature for a double cause.

Friday and Saturday's productions of *Still I Rise* and *The Glass Menagerie*, both showing on both nights for one ticket price, will benefit the Guild and Andover Youth Services' skate park.

Tickets cost \$10 with \$1 of each sale going to the skate park. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

"There's this ongoing battle between athletics and drama," says Susan Sepich, drama teacher. "We thought it would be great if there was some way to connect the two and foster the creative spirit, period."

The plan, according to AYS Director Bill Fahey and actor Alex Hanna, is to rally kids to attend the Guild shows in

exchange for ticket money that will benefit the park.

"If they were to support us, we'd be just as supportive of them," says Hanna, adding that the lack of students who attend

the smaller Guild events is "discouraging."

"The skate park is another outlet for kids to show their creativity," he says.

The deal is good news for Fahey, whose request for money to improve the park was denied, due to the town's tight budget.

"We've been operating for four years now, and we need to repair some of the ramps. This would really help," he says.

The skate park, which is a stone's throw away from the Collins Center, puts on shows of its own every summer, such as the annual Shakespeare in the Park. Fahey hopes to broaden that lineup this summer, and keep the connection between drama and athletics growing.

"We're really excited about it," he says. "We're hoping people will come out."



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Robert De Angelas "grinds" on a railing at the skate park last summer.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, April 4

Panel discussion on the Middle East conflict, with Rep. Barry Finegold moderating; Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel presenting opening remarks; and representatives from Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, free, 7-9 p.m., Merrimack College, Cascia Hall; 978-837-5193.

Boston Pops Esplandade Orchestra live in concert, with Keith Lockhart conducting, \$45-\$65, 8 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Lowell; 617-931-2000.

Parent forum, with Dr. Mel Levine, professor of pediatrics and director of

the Clinical Center for the Study of Development and Learning at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, N.C., sponsored by Parent to Parent, 7 p.m., Pike School, Sunset Rock Road; Barbara Jezak 978-474-0387, or 978-475-1197.

The Republic of My Imagination, about Dickens' 1842 visit to America



Mel Levine

and featuring his great-great grandson Gerald Charles Dickens, \$8.50, \$5 students, 7:30 p.m., UMass Lowell's Durgin Hall, Wilder Street, Lowell; 978-934-4444.

Life at Andover High discussion, for middle-schoolers and their parents, 7 p.m., Doherty Middle School Media Center; Norma Villarreal 978-475-4485.

Symposium on America's education system, with New York University professor Neil Postman, free, 7 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Bentley Library, Haverhill; 978-556-3395.

Friday, April 5

Cabaret with a Twist, featuring singer Gail Gallagher singing a medley of songs from Hollywood, Ireland, and Broadway, \$5, 7 p.m., Senior Center; 978-623-8321.

Still I Rise, an interpretation of May Angelou's poem and *The Glass Menagerie*, performed by Andover High Drama Guild, \$10, Collins Center; Susan Gagne 978-470-2079, Alex Hanna 978-409-1193, Keido Yoshida 978-470-2264.

Author reading, Phillips Academy writer-in-residence Sabina Murray of *The Caprices*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 800-491-0143.

Andover Youth Services music event, 7 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; call for ticket prices, 978-623-8241.

Live jazz, with The New Black Eagle Jazz Band, \$20 advance, \$22 door, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 978-837-5355.

Rumors, Northern Essex Community College's Top Notch Players, \$10, \$8 seniors, students, 8 p.m., Spurr Building, Haverhill campus; 978-556-3862.

Live ballet, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, Northeast Youth Ballet, 10 a.m., Chevalier Theatre, 30 Forest St., Medford; 781-665-2236.

Free film, *Three Seasons (Vietnam 1999)*, a Grand Jury Prize winner in the Sundance Film Festival, part of North Shore Community College's free Friday night International Film Festival, 7:30 p.m., NSCC's Lynn campus, Room E203, Lynn; 781-477-2166.

Quilt show, Tewksbury Piecemakers, \$5, noon-8 p.m., Tewksbury State Hospital Old Chapel, 365 East St., Tewksbury; Louise Lussier 978-640-2960.

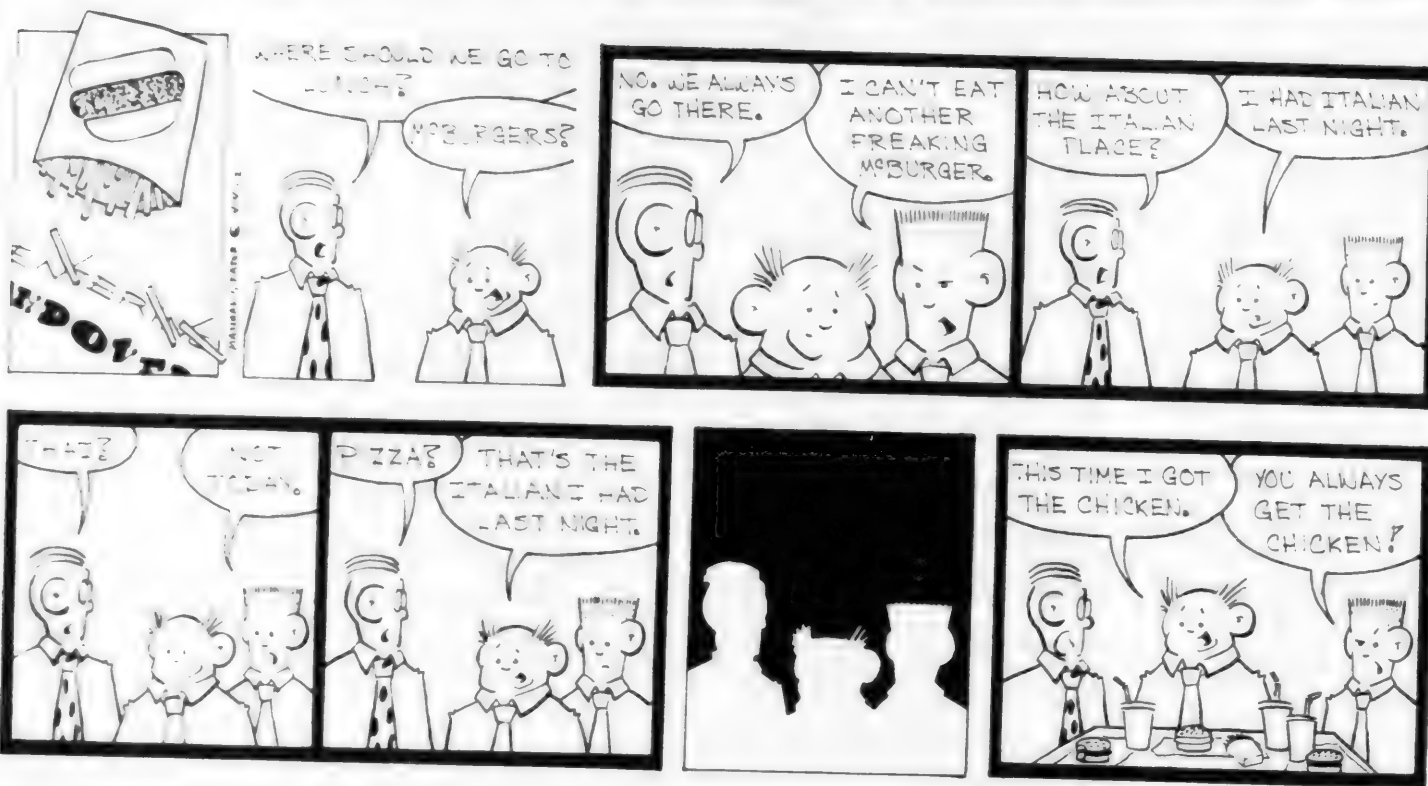
Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., DJ Hazard, Mike Koutrobis, Andy Wasif, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Bob Seibel, Joey Carroll, Debra Parkman, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

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ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



Cultural Council seeks public input

The Andover Cultural Council will hold a public input meeting Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact co-chairs Norma Villarreal at 978-475-4485, or Robert Katz at 978-475-4079.

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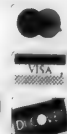
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Saturday, April 6

Foreign film festival opens, showing *The Monster* (Italy, 1994, rated R) free, 8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m., The Atrium, Northern Essex Community College's Lawrence campus, 45 Franklin St.; Mike Palermo 978-556-3746, <mpalermo@necc.mass.edu>.

Love Letters, North Shore Community College, \$12.50, 8 p.m., Lynn campus cafeteria, 300 Broad St., Lynn; Jeanne-Marie Brown 978-762-4000, Ext.

6228.

Benefit auction, for Creative Arts of Reading, \$20, \$35 per couple, 7:30 p.m., Bear Hill Country Club, 5 North St., Stoneham; 781-942-9500.

Live ballet, *A Boston Cinderella* (about Cinderella meeting Nomar Garcia-parra at a Red Sox ball), and *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, 2, 7:30 p.m., Northeast Youth Ballet, 10 a.m., Chevalier Theatre, 30 Forest St., Medford; call for prices 781-665-2236, <www.northeastyouthballet.org>.

Craft fair, benefits Dracut High School

Band, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Dracut High School, 1540 Lakeview Ave., Dracut; 978-455-1588.

Sportfishing flea market, sponsored by Northeast Charterboat Captains Association, \$1, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Newbury Fire Station, Morgan Avenue, Newbury; Frank O'Connor 508-892-8230.

Live comedy, Bob Seibel, Joey Carroll, Debra Parkman, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Museum's open house, 1-4 p.m., Peabody Museum of Archaeology and the Northeast Chapter of the Mass. Archaeological Society, Peabody Museum, corner of Main and Phillips streets; 978-749-4490. ▶

▶ **Live chamber music**, Sense and Sensibility with the Borromeo String Quartet, Sergey Schepkin on piano and Julia Scolnik on flute, part of the Andover Chamber Music Series. \$16-\$22, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 978-474-6222.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., DJ Hazard, Mike Koutrobis, Andy Wasif, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, \$8, 8:30 p.m., Walsh Square, Wingate Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-521-7664.

Still I Rise, The Glass Menagerie, see April 5 entry.

Rumors, see April 5 entry.



PHOTO COURTESY OF R. S. PEABODY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

"A Good Maine Dinner" shows Warren Moorehead and crew in camp by the Penobscot River in Maine in 1912, part of the featured timeline at the Peabody Museum's open house this Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 978-749-4490 for more information.

Sunday, April 7

Holocaust discussion, with Frank Lavine recounting his version of relocating survivors to Israel, then known as Palestine, with Rabbi Robert Goldstein offering a brief memorial service, 11 a.m., Temple Emanuel, Haggetts Pond Road.

Live choral concert, Andover Choir and Exeter Choir perform together, free, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4995.

Synchronized swimming show, featuring the Andover/North Andover YMCA Synchers, with many swimmers from Andover. \$5, \$3 children and seniors, 6 p.m., Merrimack Valley YMCA, 165 Haverhill St.; 978-688-9128.

Antique appraisal benefit, for Merrimack Valley Hospice. \$25 ticket, \$10 per appraisal, limited to four appraisals per person, 2-6 p.m., Stevens Estate, North Andover; 978-

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The Andover Chamber Music Series features the Borromeo String Quartet, which seldom plays the towns outside Boston, organizers said. "Sense and



Sensibility," an evening of chamber music, is at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, this Saturday. Call 978-474-6222.

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Slide show, lecture, on Nature and the Arts, with Miriam Butts, a professor at Museum of Fine Arts, free, 3 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; 978-688-9505.

Dancing in Flames, a live dance, music show by performers from Nova Scotia, \$59, 2, 4:30 p.m., UMass, Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., Lowell; 978-934-4444.

Poetry reading, with Nancy Bailey Miller of Phillips Academy and Deborah Warren of Andover, 4-6 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, activity room, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

Bridal show, benefits Sisters of Mercy/Castle Restoration Fund, \$10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Searles Castle, 21 Searles Road, Windham, N.H.; 603-898-6597.

Live organ music, with Ben Zamkochian on organ, \$12, \$25 artists circle seats, 3 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen; 978-685-9496.

Live ballet, *A Boston Cinderella; Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, 2 p.m., see April 6 entry.

Love Letters, North Shore Community College, 3 p.m., see April 6 entry.

Monday, April 8

Shawsheen Village Woman's Club meeting, 9:30 a.m., South Church; Edith Johnson 978-475-0932.

Lecture for serious Jewish study, with professors Eugene Sheppard of Brandeis University and Asher Biemann of Harvard, free, 7:30-9 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

Parents meeting, Andover High School Parents Advisory Council, with Principal Peter Anderson, 7 p.m., Andover High media center.

Cultural council meeting, 7 p.m., town offices, second floor; Robert Katz 978-475-4079.

Governor's candidate talk, with Libertarian candidate Carla Howell, 7 p.m., UMass Lowell, South Campus, Coburn Hall, Lowell; Jim Marques 617-666-4110.

'Rumors' going around

Northern Essex Community College's Top Notch Players will present Neil Simon's "Rumors," in the Top Notch Theatre in the Spurr Building on the Haverhill campus on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6; Thursday, April 11; and Friday and Saturday April 12 and 13, at 8 p.m. General admission is \$10; and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door. Shown in the photo, front row (left) are Lindsey Bombard of Haverhill, Laura Hidish of Methuen, Gina Kattar of Lawrence and Charlotte Gulezian of Atkinson, N.H. Second row, (left) are Eric Salvi of Bradford, Nate McNiff of Byfield, Shannon Goodrum of Manchester, N.H., Owen Provencher of Derry, N.H., Paul Melendy of North Andover, and Mike Shine of Haverhill.



Forum on the Community Preservation Act, sponsored by Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; Gail Mann 978-470-2285.

Tuesday, April 9

AARP meeting, focusing on landscaping ideas and a bird discussion with Albert Retelle, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; Bob Sanborn 978-475-6698.

Floral design workshop, sponsored by Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover and featuring Elaine DiGiovanni and Linda Ladd, \$5, 7:30 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road; 978-475-8839.

Garden, soil workshop, free, donations accepted, 7:15 p.m., Stevens Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Ron Bowden 978-777-2711.

Business resource discussion, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library, 7:30

a.m. coffee and breakfast followed by presentation at 7:45 a.m., Memorial Hall Library; 978-623-8400.

Live jazz, with The John Allmark 16-piece Big Band, \$10, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Wednesday, April 10

Merrimack Valley Camera Club meeting, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-689-9643.

Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hilton Senior Center, 61 Lafayette Road, Salisbury; Tom 978-462-8518.

Live blues music, with Toni Lynn Washington, 7:15 p.m., Brooks School auditorium, Brooks School, 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6300.

Thursday, April 11

Former New York City mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, part of Mid-

dlesex Community College's celebrity forum, \$25-\$65, 8 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Lowell; 978-656-3238.

Rosie the Riveter, portrayed by Judith Black, free with museum admission, 7 p.m., American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; 978-441-0400, Ext. 261, <www.athm.org>.

Rumors, see April 5 entry.

Friday, April 12

Women in government luncheon,

with state Sen. Sue Tucker of Andover and other local women in politics, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, \$25 non-members, \$17 members, noon, Andover



State Sen. Sue Tucker

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Inn, 4 Chapel Ave.; 978-475-5903.

Japanese drumming performance, by Odaiko New England, free, 7 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 978-623-6159.**Bridge tournament**, sponsored by the Eastern Mass. Bridge Association. \$7 per session, 1:30 p.m., Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rte. 1, Topsfield; 781-631-7064, <www.nebridge.org/emba>.**Free film**, *West Beirut*, part of North Shore Community College's free Friday night International Film Festival. 7:30 p.m., NSCC's Lynn campus, Room E203, Lynn; 781-477-2166.**Live jazz**, tenor saxophonist Deric Dyer, \$21-\$25, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200.**Live comedy**, Joe Piscopo, Tom Briscoe, Steve Calechman, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.**Live comedy**, 9:30 p.m., Dick Doherty, Greg Rodrigues, Ted Barrett, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.*Rumors, see April 5 entry.*

Saturday, April 13

Foreign film, showing *Three Seasons* (1999 PG 13), free, 8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m., The Atrium, Northern Essex Community College's

Lawrence campus, 45 Franklin St.; Mike Palermo 978-556-3746, <mpalermo@necc.mass.edu>.

Live folk music, with Atwater-Donnelly, \$12, 8 p.m., doors open at 7:15 p.m., Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Church, North Andover; 978-749-7025. ▼**Folksy: Atwater-Donnelly plays Crossroads Coffeehouse.****Live fiddler performance**, with Scottish fiddle champion Bonnie Rideout, \$18 advance, \$20 door, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 978-837-5355. ►**Auditions**, Valley Players' production of *Red, White and Broadway*, ages 16 and up, 2 p.m., The Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.**Live comedy**, Joe Piscopo, Tom Briscoe, Steve Calechman, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.**Live comedy**, 9:30 p.m., Dick Doherty, Greg Rodrigues, Ted Barrett, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.*Rumors, see April 11 entry.***Bridge tournament**, 1, 7 p.m., see April 12 entry.

Sunday, April 14

Benefit concert, for Neighbors in Need**Bonnie Rideout**

food pantry, featuring Jonathan Schakel, organist at South Church, \$10, 4 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen; 978-685-8321.

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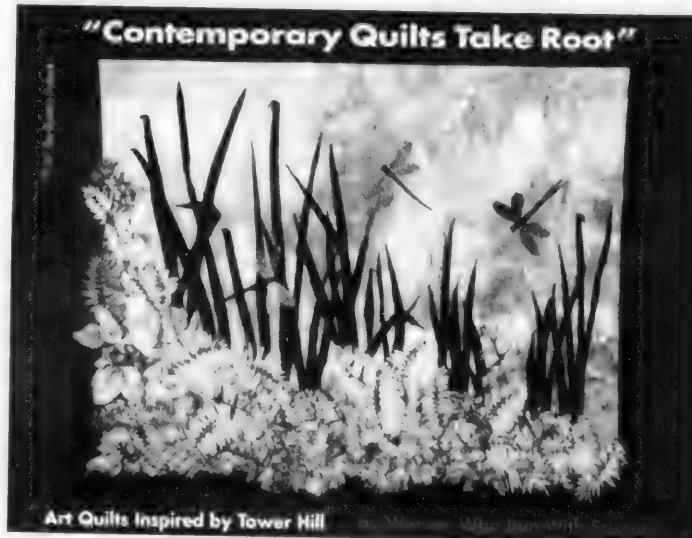
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et Beecher Stowe: The Andover Years, Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. Creating Your Book a special hands-on childrens art program taught by artist Robin Hansen, Tuesday, April 16, 3:30-5 p.m. Pre-registration is required for art programs. Volunteer teaching positions are still open for Andover at Work in the 1820s, interactive third grade education program running every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Caroline Underhill Research Library and Archives is open by appointment; call for an appointment; the museum is open for tours Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m. \$5 admission, students \$3. 978-475-2236 <www.andhist.org>.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; *All for One & One for All: Uniforms in Fact and Fantasy*, exhibition features an array of more than 50 "fact and fantasy" uniforms worn by military, religious, civic, business, entertainment and sports figures drawn from museums across the country as well as from individuals and organizations in the region, through May 27; *Famous American Series*, a program of Thursday evening events at the museum, 7 p.m., each of the six programs in the series features a different historic portrayal of a person who has figured significantly in American life, runs approximately 45 minutes, free with general museum admission; schedule of performances: *Third Thursday Modern Film Classic Series* dinner and a movie, package includes general museum admission, 5:30 p.m. buffet supper in the Gazebo Café, 6:45 p.m. introduction of the featured film and explanation of the costumes' significance by a museum host, and 7 p.m. movie, April 18, 7 p.m. *Tea With*



There will be a opening reception Sunday, April 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. for the exhibit "Contemporary Quilts Take Root" - Art Quilts Inspired by Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, Mass. Call 508-869-6111, Ext. 36 for more information.

Mussolini; May 16, 7 p.m. *Remains of the Day*; package cost is \$15, or \$5 for movie only. Museum hours are

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday

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day, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or <www.athm.org>.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John, Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-685-1655.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Peabody Essex Museum, The Real Witchcraft Papers, ongoing; The Saltonstall Family Portraits, ongoing; A Folk Art Sampler, ongoing; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass. 978-745-9500, <www.pem.org>.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, current exhibitions include *Resemblance: Photographs by Anna Gaskell*, through April 21; Maurice Prendergast: Learning to Look, through April 14, an exhibition featuring more than 60 paintings and watercolors; *Defying Distinction: Works from the Addison Collection*, through April 14, featuring works by Joseph Cornell, Louise Nevelson, John Chamberlain, Dorothea Rockburne, and Martin Puryear, among others, denying immediate categorization and forcing an appreciation of their unique physical presence, blurring the distinctions between traditional media; Phillips Academy campus, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; BJ Larson 978-749-4027, 978-749-4015 or <bjlarson@andover.edu>.

Brush Art Gallery, *A Continent Away: Multiple Identities in Contemporary African Art*, through June 2; Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. Contemporary Andover Artists Series exhibi-



tion, *Inspired by Nature: Paintings & Drawings by Tamara Krendel*, April 4 through June 30. Opening reception for the exhibition Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m., featuring a talk by the artist Tamara Krendel on Looking Back: Recurring Themes. The Museum is open for tours Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m. \$5 admission; students \$3; 978-475-2236 <www.andhist.org>.

Town Manager's Offices, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.; 978-623-8200.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

McCoy Gallery, at Merrimack College, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Essex Art Center, celebrating Women in History month with works by four contemporary artists, Tamara Krendel, Anne Oldach, Pam Swing and Liz Awalt, through April 12, *A Life in Art: Shep Abbott with collaboration of Art Space Cadets*, and *Politically Charged*, a juried show of student work dealing with social and political themes, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, *A Continent Away: Multiple Identities in Contemporary African Art*, Monday-

Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and First floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

McQuade Gallery at Merrimack College (located in the McQuade Library), gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; closed weekends in January; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, *Caught*, sculpture by Bruce Bemis and photographs by Charles Cohen, Amir Zaki, through April 6, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 978-623-8321.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

Memorial Hall Library, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400.

The Saltbox Gallery, fine arts and

◀ **Featured in the musical comedy "Lil' Abner" at The Amesbury Playhouse, Amesbury**, are Gerry Foss of Amesbury as Abner, Beverly Marzioli of Bradford as Mammy Yokum, and Charlie Smith of Newton, N.H. as Marryin' Sam. The show opens Friday and runs through April 28. Call 978-388-9444 for reservations.

crafts by 17 artists from the North Shore, Susan Manning O'Briant is featured artist of the month, through April 27, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Churchill Gallery, impressionist painter William J. Maloney, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport. 978-462-9891.

Mingo Gallery, works of Kathy Connolly, Margie Florini and Joan van Roden White, through April 5, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly 978-927-5964.

Arlington Center for the Arts, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, *In and Out of the Garden: Works by Don Bellanger, Holly Elkins and Mararet Coban*, through April 28; Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 136 State St., Portsmouth, N.H.; 603-431-4230.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy,

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, *Under Celtic Skies*, includes Northern Irish landscapes, through April 7, 2 Main St., Andover; 978-470-0013.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, *Afghanistan, photographs by Stephen Crowley and Simon Norfolk*, through June 2, Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, 67 Shore Road, Winchester. 781-729-1158.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; 978-970-3556, <info@ayerlofts.com>.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Another Atmosphere, 120 Pleasant St., Newburyport; 978-462-8029.

Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts, pottery by Janet Albert, March 2-30, fabrics by Barbara Holloway of Galisteo, N.M., through April 27, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1298.

Crescent Dragon Gallery, works by Oni Sakti, through April 6, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; www.gallery-oni.homestead.com/1.html.

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Announcing the second annual Larry Robinson Race/Walk are (from left) Paula Evans, Savings Bank manager; race organizer Roy Dennehy, and Ralph Benson, vice president of marketing.

Savings Bank boosts Robinson Race/Walk

The Savings Bank will co-sponsor the second annual Larry Robinson World Without Cancer Race/Walk, in memory of former Andover High School Principal Larry Robinson. The event will be held Dec. 8 and will benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Last year, more than \$28,000 was raised for cancer research and more than 600 people competed, according to event organizer Roy Dennehy.

"The Savings Bank is pleased to be a co-sponsor of the Larry Robinson Race/Walk again this year," said Ralph Benson, vice president of marketing. "We look forward to assisting in this wonderful tribute to an outstanding educator as we begin our fifth year in Andover."

Call Roy Dennehy at 978-937-4200; or e-mail <RKD6@mediaone.net>.

Way to Balance now in Amesbury

Sue and Aaron Singleton, owners of The Way to Balance Center For Advanced Healing and Training, expanded their practice and relocated from Andover to Amesbury on April 1. The new location, in Amesbury's Carriage Mills building, will feature additional professional staff, as well as onsite workshop space for presentations and classes. During the weekend of April 27-28, the public is invited to attend a complimentary open house celebration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring health-oriented presentations, product demonstrations and special offers, door prizes, and refreshments.

The Way to Balance is a group of practitioners who provide services (advanced bodywork, muscular therapy and massage, hypnotherapy, spa and hydrotherapy wellness services, cranio-sacral therapy, medical intuitive readings, and acupressure), products, and training in support of empowering people to assist with their own health and well-being.

For more information, including their open house, visit <www.TheWayToBalance.com>.

Habitat gets a boost from Banknorth

The Greater Lawrence affiliate of Habitat for Humanity announced that Banknorth Massachusetts has made a \$5,000 donation to support the development of a new Habitat home in Haverhill.

"We are pleased to support Habitat's initiative of building homes for local, low-income families," said Ron Trombley, executive vice president, retail banking, Banknorth Massachusetts.

"Similar to Banknorth, Habitat's priority is helping – and working with – people in the local community. As a result, we are proud to have a role in their effort to support, build and improve local areas," he said.

If the shoe doesn't fit...

By Ben Hellman

PAUL PELLAND REPAIRS SHOES for a living, but he doesn't call himself a cobbler. That word originated as a derogatory term, and Pelland says that "to cobble something means to slap something together."

As a man who takes pride in his work – a line of work he knows is fading away – Pelland prefers "shoe repairman" or "shoe guy."

No matter what you call him, Pelland is the owner of Paul's Shoe Repair on Bartlet Street, and his recipe for success is simple: he says he treats customers the way he would like to be treated.

"Customer service is horrible in every possible trade," he says. He relates a story about a mechanic who told him that his motorcycle would be ready on a certain day. Pelland had a friend drive him to the mechanic's, only to be turned away because the work wasn't done. Pelland says that will never happen at his shop. "(Work) is guaranteed ready when promised," he says.

Pelland started his shoe-repair training when he was 12 years old, spending his time around another shoe repairman. "I was intrigued with the tools and working with leather," he says, and his training led to work. "It was good money for me because I was good at it."

A native of Attleboro, Pelland has



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Well-heeled – Paul Pelland strives to rebuild each shoe to the condition it was in when it left the factory.

worked repairing shoes for 20 years. He has run Paul's Shoe Repair for 13 years. "I get a lot of pride out of my work," he says. "I'm a fussy craftsman."

Pelland went to school for automo-

tive engineering, but found himself doing shoe repairs for extra money. "I have that kind of engineer's mind. I use it for everything," he says. Pelland's mission is, "to rebuild the shoe exactly the way it was made at the factory." He knows that people care about the shoes they bring in and want to keep wearing them.

"It would kill me if a customer were unhappy," he says. "Every job presents a new challenge." He enjoys figuring out how to return a shoe to its original condition. Pelland brings out one pair of old shoes he's resoled five times.

While he enjoys what he does, Pelland admits that shoe repair "is a trade that is slowly dying." Pelland says that he doesn't see himself retiring as a repairer of shoes. "You don't see too many guys my age (34) in this business," he says. Gesturing around his shop he says, "A lot of this machinery can't be replaced."

The machines, which allow him to stitch through leather inside the shoe or out, appear to be from another era. When one of the machines breaks down, Pelland fixes it himself if he is able. Otherwise, he must fly in a specialty repair-

man to do the job. "The problem is the lack of good quality shoes," says Pelland. "People are opting for cheap, disposable shoes." Pelland admits that he doesn't own any shoes he'd consider worth repairing.

Besides fixing shoes, Pelland has altered footwear as well. He does orthopedic work, building up heels for customers, and he fixes more than shoes and boots. He repairs luggage, golf bags, handbags, zippers, snaps and buckles. "I do a lot of work with nylon," he says. He also makes keys and sells polish, laces and other shoe products. His shop is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

When Pelland isn't working his passion is riding his motorcycle. "I think cars are dangerous," he jokes. He competes in endurance riding and rode in the Iron Butt Rally last summer. In that cross-country race Pelland rode 11,000 miles in 11 days. He described the race as a scavenger hunt as the riders got points for hitting cities out of their way. "I went through three engines," says Pelland. His racing bike, a Russian Ural, broke down nine times.

But, then again, Pelland has some experience fixing things.



Paul Pelland describes himself as a craftsman with a passion for customer service. He has run Paul's Shoe Repair on Bartlet Street for 13 years.

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LETTERS

NO ZONING-FOR-FIELDS*Continued from page 10*

should be planned and developed in its entirety, not some nibble here and there. This rezoning gives too much latitude to the future use of the land. There are 129 acres of Andover land at stake here, not just some soccer fields.

Last year, AVIS was offered a similar deal that it turned down. Clearly, this speaks volumes. Fields for soccer sound great, but the proof is in the pudding. We voted to help the Poor Clare convent with a sewer easement, and now Avalon Bay wants to put 150 units in this neighborhood. As neighbors, coaches and parents of children of youth soccer we could have been great allies in this development. Instead this quick and dirty deal strains the credibility of the ASA organization.

Evan Coravos
6 Ellsworth Road

Level playing field an electric issue*Editor, Townsman:*

Recently, there has been much written about the US seeking a "level playing field" to compete in international markets in lumber and steel. There is another opportunity for which a level playing field, this time at the national level, would benefit all of us — electricity generation.

The deregulation of electric utilities created highly competitive markets in electricity. While the markets control price and distribution, a process called economy dispatch determines the actual supply of electricity. Economy dispatch selects power-generating facilities in a priority based upon generation costs. Under the current rules, limited consideration is given for the air-pollution impacts caused by selected facilities. Today, older facilities with no air-pollution controls have an economic advantage over newer, environmentally friendly power-generating facilities that have installed air-pollution-control equipment.

In order to level the economic playing field, the external costs resulting from air pollutants, including mercury, nitrogen oxides, and carbon dioxide, should be incorporated into the pricing structure used to prioritize the selection of power-generating facilities. Pollution credits could be traded between cooperating companies. The result would be equitable cost adjustments that would account for air-pollutant impacts and would likely result in a larger portion of the power-generating demand being allocated to newer, more efficient, and less polluting facilities.

Congress needs to take action to eliminate the current inequities

School Committee member:**Thoughtful residents recognize education's contribution to quality of life***Editor, Townsman:*

The Andover Schools seek a budget increase of \$5.4 million for the 2002-03 school year. Providing staffing for our two new schools and the continuing escalation of out-of-district special needs requirements are the primary factors driving up schooling costs.

Adding the two new schools will increase the operating budget by an estimated \$2,244,000. Most classroom teachers in the new schools will "Follow the students" from the existing schools, but, most of the support personnel for these schools will have to be newly added to the system. For example, a nurse or LPN is required at every middle and elementary school. Similarly, the new schools will require salary additions to provide for administration, special-education (SPED) programs, the integrated arts technology, and guidance; another \$500,000 must be added for custodial services, utilities and other necessities in both schools.

Our budget includes money for SPED programs in the new schools, but these costs are dwarfed by increases required to

cover out-of-district SPED programs for those students whose needs cannot be met within the Andover school system. Placements in out-of-district programs are mandated by the state, but they are neither operated nor controlled by the Andover school system. For the current year we budgeted \$1,900,000 for out-of-district SPED placements, but projections indicate that these costs will actually approach \$2,800,000. So, following the Finance Committee's recommendation, we are budgeting \$3,160,000 for the coming year, in hopes that we will not again have to come back later for a supplementary appropriation to cover out-of-district cost overruns.

Beyond providing for staffing the new schools and out-of-district SPED costs, our proposed budget calls one other major initiative — the addition of 4.5 classroom teachers at Andover High School. At present many students are limited to carrying only seven semester-long courses per year — four during one semester and three for the other. With the added teachers, all students will be able to take 7.5 courses per year. This will not bring us up to the desired eight

courses per year, but it will be a significant improvement in our expectations.

Our projections in mid-January called for \$2.6 million above the projected available revenue to keep our schools on course for continued improvement. But with the economy in recession, the school administration reexamined the budget looking to significantly reduce it without excessively compromising the fundamental aims of our schools. The revised budget we are now presenting will require us to: charge parents fees for music lessons in the elementary schools, reduce the athletic budget, cut media positions in the elementary schools, eliminate an assistant principal, cut funding or require fees for extra curricular and intramural programs and adopt a number of other cost-saving measures. These will indeed be painful cuts for our schools, but they will enable us to get by with an override of \$1,130,000 which will add \$81 to the tax bill of the average Andover homeowner. Without this override, it will be necessary to actually reduce the number of classroom teachers, eliminate additional staff posi-

tions, sacrifice a variety of worthwhile programs and postpone long-planned textbook adoptions.

As we think about education in Andover, we should keep in mind that national defense and education are paramount issues in the minds of the American people. Business leaders, aware of the need for an educated workforce, are in the forefront in pushing for improvement in the schools. Thoughtful citizens recognize that education can greatly contribute to the quality of life for all us. In today's world a young person's future depends far more on his or her education than was true even a few years ago.

None of us are eager to raise our taxes. But how unfortunate it would be if the costs of opening two badly-needed new schools could cause this necessary override to fail, and thereby undermine the level of public education available here in Andover. Parents and teachers agree there is a very positive momentum in our schools today. Those schools now deserve our full support.

Frank Eccles
Andover School Committee
66 Brookfield Road

Support archeology museum to keep it alive in town*Editor, Townsman:*

Despite the recent news reported in the Andover Townsman ("Museum's future in question," Jan. 31), the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology is going ahead with its spring program. As a volunteer at the Peabody and chairman of the local chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society, I want to reassure the community that, for now, planned events are proceeding without interruption.

The ongoing exhibit on the main floor, "Native Peoples of the Americas," has not been effected by the cutbacks. A display of local significance demonstrates a slice of Merrimack Valley history with hands-on displays of Native American stone tools and furbelows.

A new exhibition, "Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody," will open soon and will illustrate the activities of its key players — Warren K. Moorehead, Alfred V. Kidder, Douglas Byers, Fred Johnson, Scotty MacNeish and James Bradley — during the past 100 years. Their accomplishments throughout the Americas and their affiliation with the Peabody have earned

them a special place in the exhibition and in archaeological history.

The spring calendar of events will take full advantage of the facilities at the museum with two open-house events. One previews the new exhibition, "Objects and their Meanings," on Saturday, April 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. The other, "Adventures in Archaeology," offers hands-on activities during school vacation, on Thursday, April 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. Families with children ages six and older are invited.

The spring lecture series, cosponsored with the Northeast Chapter, will continue at the museum on April 16, May 21, and June 18 at 7:30 p.m. Speakers will share their expertise on excavations in Thailand, the story of armor, and the historic site of an old lead mill in Salem, Mass.

The Peabody Museum, at the corner of Main and Phillips Street, is on the Phillips Academy campus in Andover. But residents shouldn't delay visiting this rich cultural resource. There is discussion to make serious and perhaps drastic changes.

The Trustees of Phillips Academy will make their deci-

sion on the future of the museum when they meet the end of April. I suggest that people should write to Rebecca Sykes, Associate Head of School, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA 01810. They can let her know that they appreciate having the Peabody Museum in Andover.

To aid the important ongoing work at the museum this year, there is a challenge-grant campaign in progress. The Abbot Academy Association will match the first \$25,000 of donations received by the end of June. Checks, payable to RSPM, may be sent to the R.S. Peabody Museum, Box 180, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA 01810.

Residents, please send a strong message to show that we in Andover support the museum. Cherish what we have. Come to the museum and enjoy its exhibits and programs. Write to Rebecca Sykes to help keep its doors open and its collections intact and in Andover. Donate what you can to support the challenge grant. Whatever you do in support of the museum, know that your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Nicia N. Gruener
Bancroft Road

that exist in the economy-dispatch system that will reduce air pollution resulting from electricity generation in the US. In the absence of mandated, across-the-board air pollutant emission standards for power-generating plants, adjusting generating costs to account for air-pollution impacts is a good first step towards controlling and ultimately reducing air pollution.

John F. Zipeto
14 Canterbury St.

Hail to US mail*Editor, Townsman:*

This is a letter of appreciation to the men and women who deliver mail. The people who deliver mail work very hard every day. They work in the rain, snow, heat and the cold weather. Most people don't work in those conditions. A lot of people get to work inside an office or in some type of building. Most mail carriers have some walking from house to house on their route. I can bet that is not fun when there is snow and ice on the ground. Some people don't even shovel their walkways for the mail carrier to deliver the mail.

I also believe that most of the mail carriers are extremely friendly. The mail carrier that delivers my mail is a really nice guy. His name is Tom and he deserves a lot of appreciation for what he goes through each day to deliver mail. There are also a few people that like to complain about their mail. I think people that complain about their mail obvious have nothing better to do with their time. Thank you Tom, and thank you US Postal Service.

Gary Barnaby
100 River St

Sports

AHS Previews

Track, tennis, lacrosse, softball teams ready

By Rick Harrison

Today the *Townsmen* continues pre-season previews of Andover High varsity sports teams for spring 2002 with looks at the boys track, girls track, girls tennis, boys tennis, girls lacrosse and softball squads.

BOYS TRACK

The Andover High boys track team could get an early and accurate fix on where it stands when the Golden Warriors host Tewksbury in their season opener this afternoon (Thursday) at the Lovely Field oval (3:30 p.m.).

Tewksbury is coming off a strong indoor season, during which it won the State Class C title, and the Redmen will provide a good yardstick to measure Andover's potential strengths and possible weaknesses.

The AHS boys graduated several spectacular performers, including distance runner Tim Galebach who set many school records, high jumper Bruno Zanotti, hurdler Kyle Miller and sprinters Shawn Gaines and Ben Perkins.

Brendan Ahern (distance), Alex Champion (high jump, hurdles), Shahriar Ghandchi (middle distance, javelin), Matt Delaney (javelin), Reid Clifton (discus), and sprinter Ross Inman were also consistent pointscorers.

"This team is probably more well-rounded than last year's," said fifth-year head coach Peter Comeau.

"Last spring we relied heavily on three outstanding athletes (Galebach, Bruno Zanotti and Bruce Brown). This time around we have one superstar (Brown) and hopefully more kids that can pick up second- and third-place points for us.

"I believe we will score in every event," said Comeau. "Last year we were 3-2 in dual meets before we surprised everyone by finishing second in the Class B Meet.

"This time around we'll probably be a better dual-meet team but not quite as strong in the bigger meets."

For the record, Andover has been booted up to Class A this spring where it will run with the 'big boys' like Brockton, New Bedford, Weymouth and Cambridge Rindge & Latin.

Brown returns to head another lengthy list of candidates that includes 20 seniors, 20 juniors, 34 sophomores and 22 freshmen.

The West Point football recruit, the top sprinter in Massachusetts last spring, could stake that claim again this season if he stays healthy.

However, a stubborn and recurring hamstring injury interrupted a fine indoor track campaign.

"When he's 100 percent Bruce is the best around," said Comeau, a 1984 AHS graduate who helped the locals to their last New England championship with his prowess in the 300 hurdles.

Last year Brown was the Merri-



A tradition of excellence - Tennis captains Linn Spitzer and Carolyn Purcell, both seniors at AHS, are two of the veterans the tennis team is counting on to continue Andover's winning ways. Since a loss to Lowell High on May 21, 1990, the girls have won an amazing 183 consecutive league matches.

mack Valley Conference, State Class B and All-State 200 meter dash champion.

He placed second at the New England Championship Meet, missing the title by 1/1000th of a second.

His fastest times are 21.6 seconds (hand-held) and 21.87 seconds (electronic).

The All-Scholastic choice also placed second in the Class B and fourth in the All-State Meet long jump. He did not enter that event in the New England.

His best leap of 22'0" is less than a foot behind Zach Apgar's school record of 22'10".

Brown's 10.8 in the 100 meters was also the quickest time in the area last spring.

"Bruce has been doing his rehabilitation therapy," said Comeau. "But truthfully it's going to be a day-to-day thing. On cold days he probably won't compete. We obviously don't want to jeopardize his future."

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Joining Brown as this year's captains are senior sprinter-jumper Jason Crabb, senior sprinter Mike Donahue and senior shot putter Andy Voorhies.

Other seniors expected to contend consistently are throwers (shot put, discus or javelin) Matt Keough, Marc Barnaby and Andy Spiller, sprinters (100, 200, 400 meters) Alan Clarke, Anthony Silva, Frank Yang and Matt Nitzberg, high jumper Hugh Zhang and distance runners (800 meters, mile, two-mile) Sam Nigh and Dan Sibulesky.

Top juniors include two-miler Phil Shaw, shot putter Ross Weinberg and javelin throwers Russ Stevens, Mike Petrillo and Andy Pfeil.

The sophomore group is headed by hurdler Vin Errico, sprinter Ryan Donahue, high jumper Anthony Camilo, long and triple jumper Bruce Hillman, half-miler Jeff Sawyer, milers Ryan Durkin and Brad Sherman and two-miler Jason Durant.

"Errico and Durkin were the best freshmen in the MVC in their events

last year," said coach Comeau, who spent a decade as an AHS assistant coach before taking the top job.

The leading freshmen prospects include high jumper/hurdler Chris Cole, throwers Dave Chervallah and big Mike Gustin (6'1", 180), 300 intermediate hurdler Garrett Rayner, Robert Kaufman (400), Matt Malloy (400) and two-miler Jim Muller who scored in several indoor meets.

Returning as assistant coaches are indoor head man Art Iworsley (long jump, triple jump), Brenda Clark-Warne (distance runners), Greg Koulohras (sprints, shot put), former AHS trackman Craig Hartwell (discus), Maggie Ward (high jumpers) and Todd Collins (pole vaulters).

Phil Capodulupo (javelin) is new to the staff.

Comeau, who coordinates the program and works with the hurdlers, feels undefeated MVC indoor champ Lowell and Methuen will be strong in the boys division of the conference.

Andover will host the MVC Relays on April 17, the State Class A Relays on April 27 and the annual Andover Boosters Invitational on May 11.

The yearly intra-town showdown with Phillips Academy is May 4 at PA.

The MVC Championship Meet will be at Lowell's Cawley Stadium on May 18, the State Class A Meet at St. John's Prep in Danvers on May 25, the All-State Meet at Worcester State College June 1 and the New England Meet at Plymouth (Ma.) South High on June 8.

GIRLS TRACK

[Ed. Note: The Andover girls opened the season with a 101-44 victory over Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro earlier this week. See AHS ROUNDUP, page 39.]

One thing the Andover High girls track team is not lacking this spring is numbers.

Once again the Lady Warriors topped the century mark as 110 candidates, including 40 freshmen, signed up for the squad.

"They kept trickling in as the other spring teams made their cuts," said head coach Peter Comeau. "And you never know when the next superstar might walk through the door."

AHS is coming off a 5-1 dual-meet season, having won the Merrimack Valley Conference Division I championship and suffered its only loss by one point to Tewksbury (73-72). The locals also placed fourth in the State Class B Meet.

Four multi-event standouts and top scorers graduated from the 2001 team, the versatile quartet consisting of hurdler-jumper Sheena Patel, high jumper-distance runner Emily Pfeil, hurdler-jumper Stephanie Pierce and thrower Ogechi Ibe.

"We lost a small group of very tal-

ented track athletes," said Comeau. "But we're confident we can plug the holes. It wouldn't be a big surprise if we contended for the conference title again."

There are at least six other outstanding girls track athletes who, because of commitments to after-school work or other sports (swimming, gymnastics), chose not to compete this spring.

"Those girls would absolutely make us a much stronger team," said coach Comeau. "But their priorities are elsewhere and I absolutely understand that."

Team captains are senior hurdler/high jumper Natasha Camilo, senior distance ace Lindsey Durkin, senior hurdler/long jumper Katie Gustin and senior thrower Betsy Miller (shot put, discus).

Camilo scored in the high jump at the Class B Meet last spring.

Other seniors who should make an impact include pole vaulters Allyson Fortier and Gerry Hough, hurdlers Caitlin Murphy and Patricia Wong, distance runner Edie Muller and Swedish exchange student Hilley Eygard who excels in the sprints.

Stephanie Casper, who placed in the 400 meters at the Class B Meet, leads a solid contingent of juniors.

Others in the group include sprinters Carolyn Berberian, Amanda Bucholz, Alia Hastings and Ashley Perkins, hurdlers Katie Cail and Monica Ortiz, distance runners Caitlin Hamer, Emily Pearson and Amy Palmieri, high jumper Becca Fink and pole vaulter Emily Gentile.

Junior throwers are Jamie Singelais, Ashley Faulk (javelin), Vicki Britton (shot, discus), Stephanie Auchterlonie (discus) and Valerie Berlinghien.

Sophomores who should compete regularly in varsity meets are sprinters Amanda Carlson, Lauren Doxley and Charlene Fielding, distance runners Jazzy Dingler and Megan Lewis and long jumper/triple jumper Shirley Yacubowicz.

The leading freshman prospects are sprinters Jenny Dlesk and Cara Sullo, distance runners Brittany Moriarty, Michelle Pirro, Emily Korba and Leslie Willey, hurdler/high jumper Meghan Keefe, high jumper Libby Fortier and jumper Zara Golden.

"Jenny Dlesk is coming off a strong indoor season in the sprints," said Comeau. "Brittany Moriarty ran a 2:28 in the 800 meters and we're watching her closely."

Libby Fortier had a very successful winter with the AHS girls gymnastics team, which won the MVC title and finished second in both the North Sectional and All-State Championship Meets.

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GIRLS TENNIS

If it ever happens, the Andover High girls tennis team will make more news when it finally loses a Merrimack Valley Conference match.

That's the price one must pay for two decades of continued excellence.

The virtually-invincible Lady Warriors rolled along last spring by winning an unprecedented 13th straight MVC title with a perfect 18-0 league record.

The locals then beat Bishop Fenwick of Peabody 5-0 in their Division 1 North Tournament opener before being ousted 4-1 by Lexington in the quarterfinal round.

The Andover girls have won an amazing 183 consecutive league matches since a 3-2 loss to Lowell High on May 21, 1990.

Under the guidance of 13th-year head coach Tony Russo, and his predecessor Laura Goodman (1986-'89), the locals are also 256-1 in their last 257 league matches and 278-16 over the last 294 including tournament

play.

Although Andover graduated top two singles Michelle Leahy and Erin Zuena, along with Jessica Bindman and Ashley Hargadon, chances are the perennial powerhouse won't skip a beat this spring.

They had only two juniors last year, along with seven sophomores and five freshmen.

"We have a few open spots this year and the competition to fill them is on-going," said coach Russo. "The starters have to keep earning their positions throughout the season."

The future, as well as the present, seems secure as the town keep cranking out top tennis players.

"There is a large group of talented freshmen and several could emerge

and play a lot for us," said Russo.

"The cold and snowy weather pushed us back a bit at the beginning of the pre-season, because we couldn't get outdoors, but we'll be squared away for the opener and we expect another successful season."

That opener is scheduled tomorrow afternoon (Friday) at the AHS courts against Notre Dame Academy of Tynsboro (3:30 p.m.).

Topping the list of returning veterans are senior captains Carolyn Purcell and Linn Spitzer, along with sophomore Marsha Mogilevich who played third singles most of last year.

Returning juniors are Lauren Fitzgerald, Helen Hodges, Jenicka

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Hurricanes place 4th out of 80 teams at New England YMCA championships

All 144 members going to the Eastern Mass. District championships; with 55 qualifying for New England

This past weekend the Andover/North Andover YMCA Hurricanes concluded a successful winter season with what their coaches called "many outstanding swims" at the New England YMCA championships held at Brown University.

Competing against the best swimmers from more than 80 teams, the Hurricanes finished 4th overall. First place medals were won by Paul Hunter in the 11-12 boys 100 yard backstroke, Elizabeth Demers in the 13-14 year old girls 100 breaststroke, and Elizabeth Mancuso in the 15-16 year old 50 freestyle. The senior relay team of Liz Mancuso, Amy Caron, Sarah Demers, and Kelsey Dodge not only took first place in the 200 medley relay but they also set a new meet record.

The team had many other successes at the New England. For the 8 and under girls, Theresa Faller finished 4th in the 25 fly, 6th in the 25 back, and 10th in the 25 free; Kim Moccia took 16th in the 50 free; Whitney Adrian was 7th in the 50 free and 12th in the 25 free. The team of Whitney Adrian, Kim Moccia, Rachel Moore and Theresa Faller placed 3rd overall in the 100 free relay and 2nd in the 100 IM relay. For the 8 and under boys, John Connolly finished 8th in the 25 fly, 8th in the 25 free, and 5th in the 25 back.

The boys 8 and under 100 Yard Freestyle Relay team of Joe Faller, Kevin Kerhulas, Bryan Walcker and John Connolly placed 10th. Girls 9-10 year olds who placed in the top 16 included

Annie Glancy, 12th in the 100 fly; Michelle Walcker, 8th in the 100 breast and 6th in the 50 breast; Desirae Deveaux, 5th in the 50 back, 15th in the 100 IM, and 4th in the 100 fly; Madeline Vaudo, 9th in the 50 back; and Kelsey Shaughnessy, 12th in the 100 back and 14th in the 50 back. The girls 9-10 200 Medley Relay A team of Desirae Deveaux, Michelle Walcker, Kelsey Shaughnessy, and Jessica McDonald placed 3rd. The B team of Madeline Vaudo, Alexandra Hall, Natalie Gibson and Samantha Cote finished 19th. The 200 Yard Freestyle A Relay of Desirae Deveaux, Michelle Walcker, Kelsey Shaughnessy, and Jessica McDonald placed 8th. The B team of Madeline Vaudo, Alexandra Hall, Natalie Gibson and Samantha Cote finished 19th.

The 9-10 year old boys who individually placed in the top 16 were Andrew Pallotta, 7th in the 50 back; Jimmy Brenner, 3rd in the 50 back, 14th in the 100 breast, and 11th in the 100 back; Paul Hunter, 1st in the 100 back; 3rd in the 50 fly, 3rd 100 Free; Ben Morris, 16th in the 50 back, 14th in the 100 fly, and 14th in the 50 breast; and Jimmy Ricker, 15th in the 100 breast, 9th in the 100 fly, and 10th in the 100 IM. The team of Jimmy Brenner, Ben Morris, Paul Hunter and Jimmy Ricker placed 5th in the 200 medley relay and 5th in the free relay. The team of Andrew Pallotta, John Boyle, Ross Boyle and Sam Lessard finished 11th in the 200 medley relay.

For the 11-12 girls top 16 finishers included

Jill Barclay, 11th in the 100 free and 7th in the 50 free; Kelsey Morris, 12th in the 50 fly and 10th in the 100 fly; Mary Lopez, 14th in the 50 fly and 14th in the 100 fly; Jenn Tourigny, 16th in the 100 back; Allison Alwan, 14th in the 50 back; and Jen Trodden, 14th in the 100 free, 16th in the 200 free, and 10th in the 50 free. The girls 11-12 200 medley relay A team of Allison Alwan, Jenn Tourigny, Kelsey Morris and Jen Trodden placed 9th. The team of Kelsey Morris, Allison Alwan, Jill Barclay and Jen Trodden placed 10th in the 200 free relay.

11-12 boys who finished in the top 16 were Connor Fortin, 9th in the 100 breast and 11th in the 50 breast; T.C. Dodge, 13th in the 100 breast; and John Baroni, 14th in the 100 breast and 16th in the 200 IM. The 200 medley relay team of Paul Bimmler, Connor Fortin, Patrick Boyle and John Baroni finished 11th, and the 200 free relay team of John Baroni, Paul Bimmler, T.C. Dodge and Connor Fortin also placed 11th.

For the 13-14 girls, top 16 finishers included Elizabeth Demers, 1st in the 100 breast, 5th in the 200 IM, and 9th in the 100 Fly and Emily Brenner, 13th in the 100 free, 9th in the 100 fly, and 15th in the 100 back. The 13-14 200 medley relay team of Alexandra Davis, Elizabeth Demers, Emily Brenner and Jennifer McDonald placed 16th. For the 13-14 boys Bobby Medaglio finished 16th in the 500 free. The 13-14 200 medley relay team of Andrew Fothergill, Thomas Avila, Bobby Medaglio and Christopher

Mullen placed 17th.

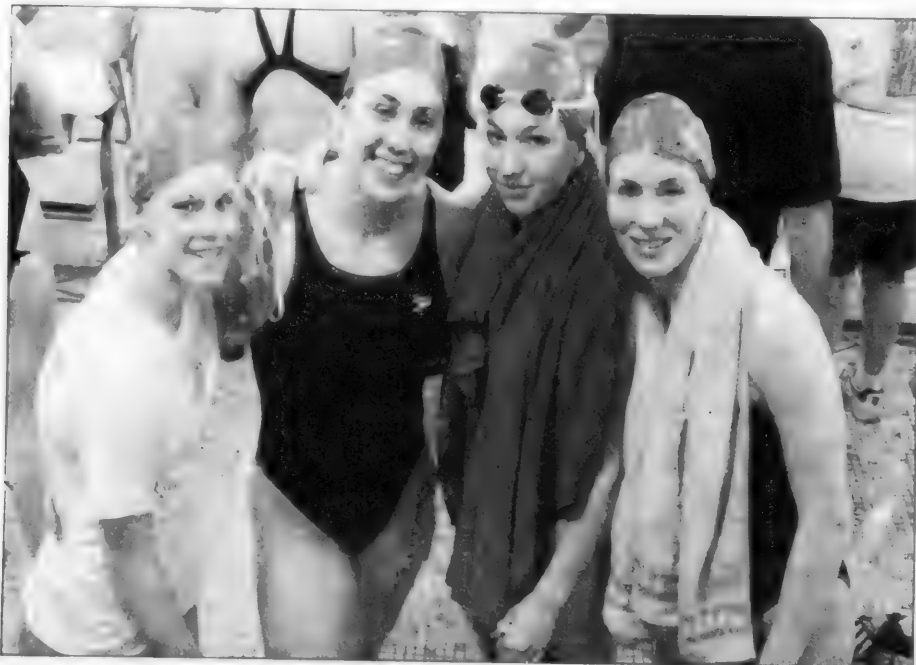
Among the 15 and over girls who placed in the top 16 were Elizabeth Mancuso, 3rd in the 100 free, 1st in the 50 free, and 3rd in the 100 back; Sarah Demers, 5th in the 100 free, 3rd in the 100 fly, and 5th in the 100 breast; and Amy Caron, 2nd in the 200 IM and 3rd in the 100 breast. In addition to their first place finish in the 200 medley relay, the team of Sara Demers, Amy Caron, Kelsey Dodge, and Elizabeth Mancuso placed 3rd in the 400 free relay. For the boys 15 and over Nick Saunders placed 10th in the 50 free and Neal Dodge was 15th in the 200 free. The team of Chris Snow, Neal Dodge, Nick Saunders and Michael Cronin placed 10th in the 200 medley relay and 5th in the 400 free relay.

The ANA YMCA Hurricanes team draws swimmers ages 6 through high school from throughout the Merrimack Valley.

The team competes in Division 1 of the Eastern Massachusetts YMCA district as well as in US Swimming. The program serves swimmers from the pre-team level to those who compete at the YMCA Nationals.

This year, 144 boys and girls participated, with all 144 going to the Eastern Massachusetts District championships and 55 qualifying for New England.

The swimmers are coached by Paul Bennet and assistants Kathy Medaglio, Chris Krueger, Skip Bryan, Erin Camman, Matt DeChane, and Coleen Hayes.



The Andover/North Andover YMCA Swim Team recently participated in the New England Swim Championships. The relay teams for the "A" 15 and older category include, from left: Amy Caron, Elizabeth Mancuso, Sarah



Demers and Kelsey Dodge. The boys are, from left: Neil Dodge, Nick Saunders, Chris Snow and Mike Cronin.

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Hornung and Lauren Woo. Hornung was a regular doubles player in 2001.

Other sophomores, along with Mogilevich, are Brittany Roy, Stephanie Hargadon, Alyssa Bindman and Wendy Chen.

The impressive freshmen are Christie Spang, Jodi Rithards, Elissa Slovin, Lauren Reed, Whitney Upton, Reena Patel and Lindsay Davidson.

Coach Russo looks at Central Catholic, with its strength in singles, as the top challenger to Andover in the MVC this spring.

"We should have very competitive matches with them and we need more of that in the conference."

The Lady Warriors have no non-league matches scheduled, but will play in-season scrimmages against Reading and Phillips Academy.

Other potential Division 1 North powers come MIAA Tournament time are Middlesex League powers Lexington and Winchester.

GIRLS LACROSSE

[Ed. Note: The Andover girls opened the season with a 10-8 victory over Masconomet Regional earlier this week. See details on page 40.]

With the return of its top six scorers from last season's State Tournament qualifier, the fledgling Andover High girls lacrosse team should not lack firepower this spring.

After a year as a club team, AHS introduced girls lacrosse as a varsity sport last spring and opened its first campaign impressively with five straight wins.

The Lady Warriors proceeded to chalk up an impressive 9-7-2 overall record that included a first-round MIAA Tournament loss to Lincoln-Sudbury.

Former Merrimack College player and Pennsylvania native Ryan Polley

has all but four players returning from that squad.

If the defense comes through the locals could challenge defending champion Marblehead and Beverly for the North League title.

"We have a good offensive team," said head coach Polley, a professional accountant. "We have several established goalscorers and playmakers that should only get better as they learn the game."

"The girls understand our system. We're passing the ball with greater accuracy and we have stronger overall skills this year."

"I believe we're a more versatile team because we can do more things. In pre-season scrimmages and a jamboree the defense has learned to play harder," said Polley.

The four top graduates from the 2001 squad were goaltender Vivian Crossley, defender Claudia Soo Hoo, midfielder Jill Mann and attack Ashley Troutman who is playing at Assumption College this spring.

The top six scorers forming the offensive nucleus are junior attack Diana Crawford (38 goals, 5 assists), junior midfielder and Capt. Amanda Gallant (31 goals, six assists), junior midfielder Grace Farnham (29 goals, 3 assists), junior center-midfielder Katie Stewart (17 goals, 6 assists), senior attack and Capt. Emily Shaer (14 goals, 3 assists) and junior attack Demorie Crawford (9 goals, 18 assists).

Diana Crawford has already picked up where she left off last year, netting five goals on Tuesday afternoon to spark a 10-8 season-opening win over Masconomet Regional of Topsfield.

Returning defenders are juniors Lindsay Mann, Ashley Hegarty, Vaughan MacKenzie and cover-point Laura Denison.

Other girls who lettered are senior midfielder and Capt. Alice Gregory, senior midfielder and Capt. Krissy Leonard, sophomore center-midfielder

Ali McCoy, sophomore middle Adrienne Shea and junior goaltender Jennie Williams.

The strong turnout of 45 candidates also includes several outstanding prospects.

Senior Angelica Rotsart, a goalie on the varsity field hockey and ice hockey teams, will handle the same duties in lacrosse.

Junior newcomers are attack Meghan Toland and defender Meg Gardner.

The sophomore crew consists of attack Jeannie Lothrop, midfielders Ashly Ellis and Stephanie Sweeney, and defenders Allison Abreu, Chrissy McSweeney, Arianna Miliotis (Alex's sister) and Courtney Reed.

Several of these athletes had strong seasons for the field hockey team and helped the first-year ice hockey team to a surprising 12-1 record this winter.

"Like every other team, our primary goals are to make the tournament and challenge for the league title," said Polley.

"Marblehead is the only opponent we weren't competitive with last year — but hopefully we've closed that gap."

John McVeigh of North Andover is the assistant coach.

Andover's next scheduled game is Tuesday at home on the Doherty Middle School Field versus league favorite Marblehead (4 p.m.).

SOFTBALL

The Lady Warriors hope to improve on last year's 12-11 record, which included four losses by two or fewer runs.

AHS reached the Division 1 North Tournament quarterfinals with wins over Methuen (8-2) and Latin Academy (10-2), before being edged out by perennial power Woburn (2-1) which is Andover coach Stephanie Ragucci's alma mater.

Ragucci has turned the Andover program around with four tourney appearances in her first five seasons.

Season six begins without several key graduates, including four-year standout and 2001 Massachusetts High School Female Athlete of the Year Lisa Tisbert who is off to a strong collegiate start at Bentley.

Middle infielder Taylor Traub and Kerri Axelrod will also be sorely missed.

Returnees include ace pitcher Kaitlin Haugh, infielders Andrea Manners, Dana Medaglio, Emily Farmer and Meagan Merinder, catcher Kara Spang and outfielders Jackie Collins and Molly Riemer.

Andover qualified for the tourney last spring with a strong regular season finish, winning five of its last seven games and capturing the Methuen Tournament title.

BOYS TENNIS

It was business as usual for the AHS netmen last spring, as they went undefeated in the Merrimack Valley Conference once again while winning

their ninth straight league title and 15th in the last 17 years.

The Golden Warriors were 14-0 in MVC matches and 17-3 overall including Division 1 North Tournament wins over Somerville (5-0), Reading (4-1) and Lexington (4-1).

St. John's Prep of Danvers, which handed the locals two of their three losses, knocked Andover out of the tourney with a hard-fought 4-1 win in the North title match.

The AHS boys have won 140 straight league matches since a 3-2 loss to Chelmsford on May 20, 1992.

They are 260-9 in their last 269 MVC matches and 299-36 in their last 335 including non-league and tournament play.

Several top players graduated including singles standouts Gabe Adams and Rich Roda, along with Steve Hibino, James Kim, Sky Chien, Andy Turow and Dave Wholey.

Eligible returners include Andy Chiaraluce, Jason Lynn, Andrew Ong, Alex Cline, Will Chen, Avi Lasser and Mike Weisner.

AHS ROUNDUP

By Rick Harrison

Double wins by Stephanie Casper and Natasha Camilo sparked the Andover High girls varsity track team to a convincing season-opening 101-44 Merrimack Valley Conference inter-division dual-meet victory over host Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro.

The Lady Warriors placed first in 14 of the 17 events and swept the 100 dash, 100-meter high hurdles and two-mile.

Casper was tops in the 400 meters (63.4) and long jump (14'6"), while senior Capt. Camilo was first in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (50.0) and high jump (4'8").

Other AHS individual winners on the track were freshman sprinters Jenny Dlesk (100 dash, 13.2) and Jessie Shields (200 dash, 30.7), freshman miler Michelle Pirro (6:00.5), sophomore two-miler Jazzy Dingler (13:53.0) and senior Capt. Katie Gustin in the 100-meter hurdles (16.9).

The 4x100 sprint relay quartet of junior Amanda Bucholz, sophomore Amanda Carlson, sophomore Charlene Fielding and Swedish exchange student Hilley Oygard at anchor also won in 57.6.

Other field event victories came from junior triple jumper Katie Cail

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LOCAL ATHLETES



Andover Squirt 3 hockey team placed Runner Up in the Massachusetts Hockey Squirt Tier IV State Championship on March 3. Front to back, from left: Colin Champagne, Ryan McKinnon, Sam Weiss, Mike Emmons, Ricky Shanahan, James Shannon, Robert Whirly, Mike Cahill, Paul Hunter, Peter Andon, Greg Hanafin, Walter Gillis, David Nader. Coaches are Joe Cahill, Wayne Nader and Joe Hanafin.

Gymnast Katherine Yao, a sophomore at Andover High School, won third place all-around at the USA Gymnastics (USAG) Level 9 Massachusetts State Championships this month. She attained an 8.85 on bars, 8.75 on beam (see photo at right), 8.95 on floor, and 8.85 on vault, giving her a 35.4 in the all-around competition, qualifying her to compete in the USAG Northeast Regional Championships next month, which will be held at Joyce Junior High School in Woburn on

April 6 and 7 starting at 10 a.m. each day. A team member at the Northeast Gymnastics Center in Tewksbury, Yao trains in 4-hour sessions five days a week, with increased hours during the summer. During her 2001-02 competitive season, she advanced from local competitions to sectional meets, to the State Competition, and finally to the Northeast Regional Championships, where she has the opportunity to advance to the East Coast Finals. Yao also a high honor roll student at Andover High. She enjoys playing piano and drawing in her spare time, and was recently awarded the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Prize.



AHS ROUNDUP

■ GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

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(32'2"), senior pole vaulter Gerry Hough (7'6"), senior Capt. Betsy Miller in the shot put (29'9") and junior Ashley Faulk in the javelin throw (91'5").

Completing sweeps by placing 2-3 were Oygard (14.1) and Bucholz (14.3) in the 100 dash, Cail (18.5) and senior Patricia Wong (19.2) in the 100 hurdles, Hough (14:05) and sophomore Megan Lewis (14:26) in the 2-mile.

Casper capped a 13-point afternoon with second place in the triple jump (30'10").

Other AHS runners-up were fresh-

man Megan Finn (200 meters, 31.4), junior Stephanie Auchterlonie (discus, 76'0") and freshman Brittany Moriarty (800 meters, 2:35.3).

Cail added a third in the 300-meter hurdles (51.2) to go with her first and second place finishes.

Ashley Beaucaire placed third in the long jump (12'7"), while additional thirds were notched by junior high jumper Becca Fink (4'6"), pole vaulter Allyson Fortier (6'6"), junior Jamie Singelais (discus, 65'7"), junior Carolyn Berberian (400 meters, 72.1) and junior Amy Palmieri (800 meters, 2:42.1).

"Katie Gustin and Jenny Dlesk came up with tremendous efforts and excellent times considering it was very windy and they were both running into

a head wind," said AHS coach Peter Comeau.

"Casper and Cail also had very nice meets, placing in three events each, and Camilo's 50-second flat in the 300 hurdles was terrific considering she never ran the event in competition before."

Comeau also lauded the winning toss of Ashley Faulk in the javelin, a personal-best distance by more than a foot.

Andover resident Justine Douvadjian had an outstanding meet for Notre Dame, anchoring the victorious 4x400 relay (4:47.8) and placing second in both the long jump and 400 meters.

Other Lancers' winners were Angela Broad (800 meters, 2:29.0) and Katie Brice who threw the discus 80'3."

The Andover girls return to the oval next Monday when they host Methuen in the home opener at Love-ly Field (3:30 p.m.).

GIRLS LACROSSE

Junior attack Diana Crawford

pumped in five goals, including three within a four-minute stretch in the final six minutes of the first half, as the Andover High girls varsity lacrosse team launched its season with a 10-8 North League win over visiting Masconomet Regional of Topsfield Tuesday afternoon at the Doherty Middle School field.

After spotting Masco an early 2-0 lead, the Lady Warriors bounced back to take a 5-4 advantage at the break.

"We took control in the second half and opened up a 10-5 lead," said AHS head coach Ryan Polley. "They scored three late goals in the final five minutes to make the game seem closer than it actually was."

Junior midfielder Grace Farnham contributed two goals and one assist, Demorie Crawford had a goal and assist, and single goals were netted by Capt. Emily Shaer and sophomore center-midfielder Ali McCoy. Freshman attack Jacqui Munro also registered an assist.

Lindsay Mann and Laura Denison were defensive standouts.

"Lindsay was all over the field making plays," said Polley.

The goaltending duties were split between Jennie Williams (first half) and Angelica Rotsart, both of whom finished with seven saves as Andover managed a slim 23-22 shots-on-goal edge.

"It was a typical first game," said Polley. "We did some good things but both teams were sloppy."

Andover returned to action yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, when it played at Lowell.

The Lady Warriors next host defending North League champ Marblehead next Tuesday afternoon at Doherty Middle (4 p.m.).

Synchers swim show is April 7

The A/NA YMCA Synchers synchronized swimming team will present their annual show Sunday, April 7, at 6 p.m., at the Merrimack Valley YMCA, Andover/North Andover Branch, 165 Haverhill St.

Tickets will be on sale at the door, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors. Call 978-688-9128.

TOWN OF ANDOVER BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in Andover Town House, 20 Main Street pursuant to the March 7, 2002 Order of Remand to the Board of Appeals by the Housing Appeals Committee to conduct further proceedings on the application of Avacoh at St. Clare Inc. for a Comprehensive Permit under M.G.L. Chapter 40B, Sections 20-23. The App. Spec. Zoning Act, and Section 8B of the Andover Zoning By Law, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Permit Rules of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The application was originally submitted on December 12, 2001, and sought approval for 152 rental apartment units, pursuant to the Order of Remand the applicant has submitted for the consideration of the Zoning Board of Appeals a revised proposal for the construction of 115 rental apartment units in one building being 4 stories and approximately 60 feet in height, with 218 parking spaces, all situated on a 9.127 acre parcel of land formerly owned by the Franciscan Monastery of St. Clare, and now owned by Higher Growth Development Corp., c/o Mackey Construction, said property located at 460 River Road, and being more particularly identified as Lot 1 on Assessor's Map 229. All materials relating to this application and the revised proposal may be examined in the Board of Appeals office between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

BOARD OF APPEALS
Daniel S. Casper, Esq.,
Chairman

April 4, 2002

Commonwealth Of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate
And Family Court
Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No. 02P0252EP1

in the ESTATE OF
SIDNEY A ROTH
Late of ANDOVER
in the County of ESSEX
Date of Death
January 1, 2000

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LESLIE SILVERSTEIN of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety JONATHAN ROTH and PETER ROTH, the other executors named in said will, both having declined to serve.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **April 22, 2002**.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, March 21, 2002.

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Needleart Class: On Monday, April 8, another 10-week session of needleart will get underway. The class meets from 1:30 to 3:30 under the direction of Carolyn Mattedi. Work on your own project - instruction is available in a variety of techniques. Cost is \$25. Register before April 8.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, April 8 at 1 p.m. we will show the recent release *Pearl Harbor*. Andover Video supports our

movie days.

Men's Breakfast: On Friday, April 19, all interested senior men are invited to join us for breakfast followed by an informative presentation by Dr. Fred Davis from Lahey Clinic. Davis will speak on the topic "What Everyone Needs To Know About Anesthesia." Reservations (\$3) may be made by calling the center.

Beginners Computer Class: If you'd like to learn about computers in a small setting, be sure and register for our next beginners class, which will start Tuesday, April 23 and run for four consecutive weeks. Cost is \$40 and the class is limited to just six students.

Supper Club: Our April

evening out will find us dining at Jackson's Restaurant on Wednesday, April 24 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$15 and menu selections are a choice of either turkey, steak kabob, chicken breast, haddock or veal parmesan. Stop by the center if you would like to reserve a spot.

AARP: Bird expert Al Retelle will give a slide show and talk about birds of Massachusetts at the next AARP meeting Tuesday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the senior center. Guests and members welcome.

Support Groups: The Alzheimer's support group will meet Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. and the Parkinson's group will meet Thursday, April 11 at 1:30.

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POLICE LOG

JUMP

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At 3:51 p.m., police responded to a water main break on Haverhill Street. Water flowed in the area of High and Crescent streets.

At 7:27 p.m., a caller reported the death of a 75-year-old female resident of Lowell Street.

Sunday, March 31 – At 7:40 p.m., a detective issued a court summons to a person in possession of a Class D substance.

Monday, April 1 – At 5:26 a.m., a caller reported that an employee at Supervalu Opera-

tions on Ballardvale Street had injured his leg with a fork lift. The EMTs determined that the man was not seriously hurt.

At 11:59 a.m., a caller from Andover High School reported a trespasser.

At 6:17 p.m., a female reported a domestic argument, verbal and physical, with her son.

At 7:03 p.m., a Stowe Court resident reported that she hadn't heard from her 39-year-old son for two weeks. The son works for a carnival out of Boston, she told police. An officer filed a report on

the missing person.

Tuesday, April 2 – At 6:19 a.m., a caller reported that he had been assaulted by a person driving on Route 114 into North Andover. When the suspect pulled into a North Andover Dunkin' Donuts the North Andover police confronted him.

At 9:02 a.m., an officer took three bikes that had been sitting for days on an Essex Street property to the station for safekeeping.

At 6:20 p.m., police assisted EMTs in responding to a 16-year-old girl who had been hit in the

head with a lacrosse ball. The girl, who appeared to be confused after the accident, was taken to the hospital for treatment.

BREAKS

Monday, April 1 – At 7:51 a.m., an Island Way resident reported that someone had broken into his house while he was on vacation and some jewelry was missing.

THEFTS

Wednesday, March 27 – At 7:52 a.m., a male from Holt Road

reported that some tools and a generator had been stolen from a construction site.

Friday, March 29 – At 12 p.m., a resident from a Main Street apartment reported that some items had been stolen from his home.

At 8:52 p.m., an employee from a gas station on Lowell Street reported that a car drove away without paying for \$10 of gas.

Monday, April 1 – At 2:25 p.m., a male reported the theft of a credit card.

Tuesday, April 2 – At 2:10 p.m., a Beech Circle resident reported a theft from a bank account via the Internet.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 27 – At 12:40 p.m., an officer issued a court summons to a driver who was operating an uninsured and uninspected car with a revoked registration. The car was towed away.

At 7:14 p.m., a male reported that he had hit a cat on Shawsheen Road.

Friday, March 29 – At 12:25 a.m., a driver struck a deer on Route 125.

At 10:40 a.m., an employee at the Wingate reported that a red Toyota had been sitting in the parking lot unattended for days. An officer contacted the owner, who said he was trying to get the car towed for repair. The officer told the owner he had to tow it that afternoon.

At 9:06 p.m., a caller reported that a car struck a deer on High Street. The deer was not seriously harmed and ran away. No person was injured.

Saturday, March 30 – At 1:12 a.m., a caller reported that a vehicle was running unattended on Old River Road. An officer determined that the vehicle was stolen. The owner was notified.

Sunday, March 31 – At 4:23 a.m., a female reported that her car had been broken into while parked at the Hawthorne Suites Hotel.

Tuesday, April 2 – At 1:30 p.m., police assisted the fire department in extinguishing a car fire on York Street.

ACCIDENTS (partial)

Wednesday, March 27 – At 9:28 a.m., one car was towed from a Lowell Street accident. No one was hurt in the incident and the driver of one car was given a written warning for failing to give the right of way to another driver.

Friday, March 29 – At 3:22 p.m., a caller reported an accident on High Street. One car was towed away and one person was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

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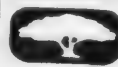
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Witness, John C. Stevens, III, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this twenty-fifth day of March, 2002

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230 Trucks

CHEVY 1985 SHORTBED 4x4 PICK-UP Rebuilt motor and transmission. Lift kit. No rust. \$2,800 or best offer. MUST SELL. Call 978-682-3167

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TOYOTA TACOMA 1998 - 4X2 evergreen, comes with Tonneau cover great condition. \$6000/best. Call evenings 603-666-0565

TOYOTA Tundra 2001, SR5, V6, access cab, 4K automatic, bedliner, loaded. \$14,500 Call 603-642-3784

88 CHEVY K20 4x4, pick up, loaded, 88K, runs & looks excellent. \$3800/best. Call 603-870-9291

230A 4x4 / SUVs

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HARLEY 1997 883 Sportster, 2100 miles, forward shifting controls, screaming eagle pipes, Mustang seat, some chrome, many extras. \$7500. 603-895-6031

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ANDOVER - 10 Crescent Dr. #9 Spacious, top-floor up-dated 2 bedroom unit at Andover Gardens featuring private balcony, move-in condition, and up-dated kitchen. Fee includes use of swimming pool, deeded parking and a great location near YMCA, town, public transportation and commuter routes! **\$164,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

NORTH ANDOVER - 547 Mass Ave. Library area! Charming 6 room Bungalow ready to just move right in! Hardwood floors, fireplaced living room, formal dining room with beautiful wood ceiling, 1.5 baths, 1st floor laundry, screened porch, vinyl siding. **\$299,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

TEWKSBURY - 246 Lancaster St. Set on a private 1.9 acre lot with a 36' deck, this well maintained 8 room Colonial has been updated with great attention to detail. Big bright custom kitchen with adjoining fireplaced family room, 2.5 baths, freshly painted interior with custom window treatments to match! Desirable Ames Hill location. **\$399,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

ANDOVER - 46 Greenwood Road. Pristine custom Hip Roof home featuring 3 generous sized bedrooms, 3 full baths, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, finished lower level ideal for in-law or au-pair, oversized 2 car garage, set well back from street on nearly an acre lot! **\$440,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

NORTH ANDOVER - 435 Chestnut St. Curb appeal! Immaculate 8 room Colonial on beautifully landscaped lot with great commuter access. Beamed ceiling family room with raised hearth fireplace and 8' slider to deck, hardwood floor, air conditioning, security, 2 car garage. **\$464,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

ANDOVER - 1st ad! 6 Ravens Bluff. Location! Lovely young 10 room Colonial on cul-de-sac with good commuter access and near conservation land and new schools. Spacious rooms, family room plus study and finished lower level playroom, new deck and swimming pool, 6 person spa, acre lot, security system. **\$679,900**

FEATURE HOME OF THE WEEK

JUST LISTED!

NORTH ANDOVER - End of an era opportunity to own magnificent waterfront property with privacy, elegance and unmatched quality! Grand style brick estate on magnificent 6+ acre lakefront setting. Beautifully detailed 30' living room with hardwood floor, elegant fireplace and French doors. Exquisite formal dining room with custom built-in cabinetry and lovely windows. Five bedrooms and 6 baths, elegant entryway with romantic swirled stairway. Charming lakefront cottage. **\$2,950,000**

JUST LISTED!

ANDOVER - Enjoy near-town living with cul-de-sac benefits! Lovingly updated 8+ room Colonial with fresh bright interior, hardwood floors, finished fireplaced lower level, screened porch overlooks gorgeous level lot with backdrop of trees and private pool area. **\$569,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

NORTH ANDOVER - 41 Hidden Court. Newcastle Estates. 10+ room Hip Roof Colonial on prime private lot at end of cul-de-sac. Gourmet granite kitchen, bridal staircase, custom built-ins and moldings, finished walkout lower level includes exercise studio, numerous up-grades! **\$759,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4!

ANDOVER - 67 Bellevue Road. Striking 4,000 sq. ft. Colonial under construction on level lot with background of trees. Spacious well-appointed rooms, bright and sunny throughout, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, dramatic open foyer, exceptional master suite, 3 car garage. **\$989,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 12-2!

ANDOVER - 81 Reservation Road. Dramatic modernist masterpiece designed by Bauhaus architect Marcel Breuer. Totally unique! Extensively renovated throughout, walls of glass, state-of-the-art kitchen, long tree-lined driveway to private intown 2.2 acre estate-like setting. **\$1,195,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

ANDOVER - Lot 1 High Meadow off High Plain Road. Custom 4,800 sq. ft. Colonial in small new development near new Cross Street schools. Striking home with fabulous floor plan, exquisite architectural details, 9' ceilings, central air, 3+ baths, 3 car garage - superior quality and craftsmanship. **\$1,395,000**

JUST LISTED!

ANDOVER - 15 room 2 year old Colonial set above the 5th fairway at Andover Country Club with privacy and majestic views. 1st floor master suite, glorious entry and formal living and dining rooms, home theatre, au-pair apartment, gym, sauna, and game room, 5 bedrooms and 5 baths! **\$1,499,000**

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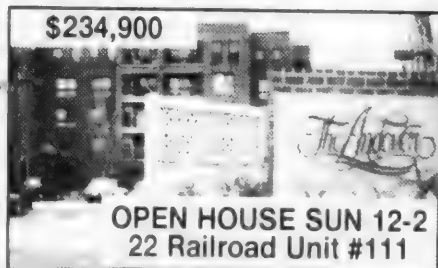
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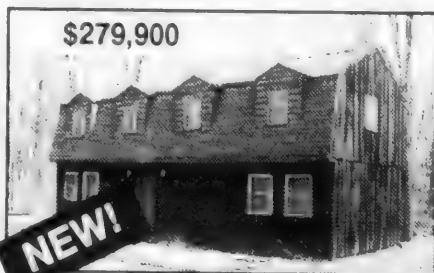
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**OPEN HOUSE SUN 12-2
22 Railroad Unit #111**

ANDOVER, MOVE-IN CONDITION!
5 room unit w/balcony at The Andover!
Walk to commuter rail, shops & downtown
5 rms, 2 BR, 2 BA - 1000+ sq ft - main level
Fully appointed - neutral decorated
featuring exercise, sauna and function rooms
Another listing by Deborah Perrone x206
dperrone@andoverliving.com \$234,900



\$279,900

NEW!

NORTH READING, 1st Ad!
Location! Location! Location!
Spacious colonial awaits your magic touch!
7 rms - 4 bedrooms - 26+/- sq ft - FP
2nd floor laundry - Full basement
Nice one acre lot in desirable location
Another new listing by Nick Geranios x204
ngeranios@andoverliving.com \$279,900



\$289,900

NEW!

NORTH ANDOVER, 1st Ad!
Picture Perfect Cape - Must see!
Liv rm w/Fir to ceil FP opens to deck
oversized deck views pool & terrific yard
7 rms - 3 BR - young heat sys & roof
Lg comfortable kitchen with high ceilings
Another new listing by Nick Geranios x204
ngeranios@andoverliving.com \$289,900



\$314,900

NEW!

ANDOVER, 1st Ad!
Walk to town, shops and buses
Major remodel & move in condition
fully appointed kit w/white cabinetry
Light & bright thruout - 2 full tile baths
7 rooms - 3 bedrooms - nice layout
Another new listing by Jack Hewitt x228
jhewitt@andoverliving.com \$314,900



\$424,900

NEW!

ANDOVER, 1st Ad!
SPECIAL LOT - PRIME LOCATION!
Gentle slopes perfect for a fine home
The property, about 4.5 acres and
across the road from Baker's Meadow
just minutes from town, schools, & highways
Another new listing by Chris Doherty x230
cdoherty@andoverliving.com \$424,900



\$489,900

NEW!

ANDOVER, 1st Ad!
CHARMING IN-TOWN CAPE!
New maple kitchen w/granite & island
Front to back FP living rm w/builtins
Convenient 1st floor BR with half bath
7'5.3" full walkout - new furnace & heater
Another new listing by Sue Papalia x209
spapalia@andoverliving.com \$489,900



\$649,900

ANDOVER!
Minutes from highway and services
Stately Col with stone front on 1.3 acres
master suite w/cath ceil, fireplace & 4 closets
Lower level gameroom - walkup attic w/skylight
9 oversized rooms - 4 bedrooms - 2.5 baths
Another listing by Deb Moore x238
dmoore@andoverliving.com \$649,900



\$819,900

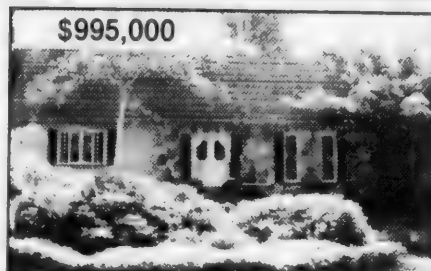
ANDOVER, Quality Builder!
Rare "New Construction" Near Town
Still time for Master Builder to customize
Col w/3400+ sq ft - town water & sewer
10 rm - 4 BR - 2.5 BA - 3 car under
Open foyer - turned staircase granite
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dhowe@andoverliving.com \$819,900



\$929,900

**OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-3
3 BEACON**

ANDOVER, Andover Country Club!
Contemporary Colonial built by Ray Cormier
Minutes to town, schools & shopping
10'4"2.5 - 2 car garage - 4300 sq ft - HW flrs
Gorgeous white birch kitchen - Granite counters
1st flr study - 2nd flr laundry - Walkout lower level
Another listing by Lora Brown Horsley x201
lhorsley@andoverliving.com \$929,900



\$995,000

ANDOVER, Spectacular!
Landscaped private acre+ abuts state forest
Open floor plan perfect for entertaining
Cathedral ceiling 33x18 dining area with wall to wall glass
11 rooms - 4 bedrooms - 2.5 baths - 4800+ living space
1st floor master with skylit marble bath/Jacuzzi
Another listing by JB Doherty x212
jbdoherty@andoverliving.com \$995,000

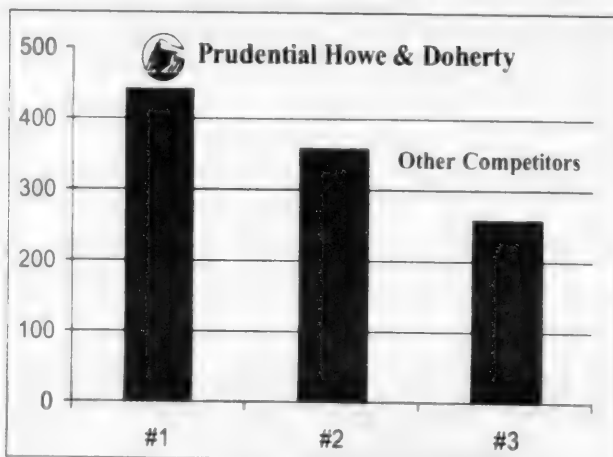


\$2,250,000

ANDOVER, EXCEPTIONAL NEW CONSTRUCTION!
Wynwood built home at Regency Ridge
Exemplifies grandeur throughout
Spectacular kit opens to palatial fam rm
1st flr mst w/gas FP & sitting area
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Another listing by J. B. Doherty x212
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\$449,900

**OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-3
397 High Plain Rd.**

ANDOVER!
Colonial in new Cross School district!
8.4BR/1.5BA - inground pool - 1.2 acres
2 car garage with 3 additional rooms above
newer cedar clapboard & newer seamless gutters
oak kit cabs & huge cedar closet in master
Another listing by Deb Perrone x206
dperrone@andoverliving.com \$449,900



\$499,900

ANDOVER!
Solid CE Colonial with charm & character
8'3"2.5 - 2 car detached - corner lot
front to back fireplaced living rm
New kit appliances & granite tops
Walk up attic - Full bsmt - fenced yard
Another listing by Chris Doherty x230
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\$799,900

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Another listing by Kathy Cyrier x224
kcyrier@andoverliving.com \$799,900

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ANDOVER- 29 Linda Rd. 1st Ad! Impeccably maintained & updated single owner Colonial. Excellent neighborhood close to town & commuting. Hardwood floors throughout, fireplaced living room, screen porch, new boiler & hot water tank. \$449,900. Visit Cheryl Foster X 136



ANDOVER- 4 Athena Circle. 1st Ad! Spacious 8 room Colonial in terrific family neighborhood. This home has been lovingly maintained by original owners & offers eat-in kitchen w/sliders to private screened porch. Fp'd family room/cathedral ceiling, formal LR & DR. 4 BR & 2.5 BA, hardwood floors throughout. Nicely sited on private lot w/easy access to major highways. \$489,900. Visit Mary O'Donoghue X151



NORTH ANDOVER- 1794 Salem St. 10/4/2.5 Colonial with in-ground pool, on 1 acre which abuts pond. Appliance, pickled oak kitchen, Florida room, Living room with fireplace and family room which over looks pond. Security, garage & more! \$699,900. Visit Norma Hyder X130



NORTH ANDOVER- 390 Johnson St. 6+2/3 Colonial set on a gorgeous, gracefully private, level acre of land in a most sought after convenient location! Intellectually designed, classically renovated with craftsmanship of the highest caliber and artistically appointed for the most stylish living. Detached 6 car garage. \$649,900. Visit Heidi Kilcoyne X158



NORTH ANDOVER- 110 Nutmeg Ln. 9/4/2.5 Abbot Village Colonial built by Paul St. Hilaire. Features include 2 story foyer, red birch gourmet kitchen with Corian. Stone fp'd FR w/cathedral ceilings. 1st flr LIB w/French doors, master suite w/fp, 3 car garage, & many upgrades. \$842,500. Visit EJ Perdigao X154



ANDOVER- 33 Bailey Rd. Exquisite 11+ Colonial on 2.7 acres. Media/great room, custom cabinetry, wetbar, new carpeting, new granite kitchen counters, stainless appliances, ceramic flr. Hdwd flr. LR & DR, sunroom and finished basement. \$699,900. Visit Joan Johnson X153



NORTH ANDOVER- 299 Blue Ridge Rd. 9/4/2.5 Colonial in sought after New Castle Estates. Fmrl LR w/hdwd & fp. DR w/hdwd flrs & detailed moldings. Oversized Kitchen with updated appliances. Front/back FR w/fp & private 1st floor study. Master suite w/private bath & large closets. C/air & vac, sprinklers, security & more! \$719,900. Visit John Cusack X141



NORTH ANDOVER- 1401 Great Pond Rd. #16 The living is easy in this spacious townhouse in a prestigious North Andover location. Amenities include 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, fireplace, garage & central air. Enjoy! \$295,000. Visit Valerie Duffield X128



ANDOVER- 11 Piper's Glen. Deering Estates 10/4/4.5 Colonial built by Charlie Carroll awaits the discriminating buyer. Property abuts State Forest. Bridal staircase, gourmet kitchen, and library with built ins. Florida room, master bedroom suite featuring fireplace and private deck. Numerous upgrades & attention to detail \$975,000. Visit Audrey Orrell X131



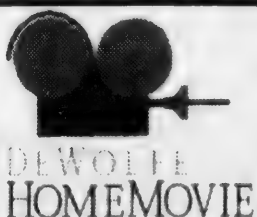
NORTH ANDOVER- 349 Marbleridge Rd. 9/4/2.5 Colonial off Old Town Center. Immaculate, move-in condition. Freshly painted, 4 season sunroom with vaulted ceilings and skylights. Temperature controlled wine cellar, central vac, and 2 car garage. \$589,900. Visit Sheila Stupka X166



NORTH ANDOVER- 96 Marbleridge Rd. 13/6/3.5 Colonial. One of the finest, state of the art, unique homes in North Andover! 1 mile from Old Town Center, 85 ft. Farmers porch, 2nd & 3rd floor balcony, roof deck & beautiful level 1.45 acre lot. Granite kitchen, 4 zone top of the line heating & a/c system, hardwood floors, security & much more! \$1,100,000 Visit Jeannette Belben X150



NORTH ANDOVER- 73 Brentwood Circle 9/4/2.5 pristine Colonial. Addition of mud room & dining area. Updated oak kitchen with Corian & hdwd. flrs. Fireplaced FR, master bedroom has sliders to walk-out balcony that overlooks private, wooded yard. \$609,000. Visit Arlene Santangelo X161



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Backyard water gardens help create serene settings

By Sue Tabb

When you are feeling anxious or stressed and need a quick mental break, you close your eyes and envision yourself in a peaceful setting. For many of us, that may be sitting on a beach with the sound of the waves crashing against the shore, walking along the banks of a babbling brook or rowing through a rippling pond. Often, these imaginary scenarios involve water, and there is a good reason for that. Water, with its pure look and tranquil sounds, can allay our worries and provide a feeling of serenity like almost nothing else can.

It's no surprise, then, that many people are looking to add this natural element to their home environments. In-home fountains have become very popular, as have outdoor man-made water gardens. There is a growing focus on creating a soothing ambiance at home that is in sharp contrast to the hectic lives we lead in the outside world.

Frank Wolfe, owner of Lake Street Garden Center in Salem, N.H., says that water gardens are quite popular these days for a number of reasons.

"They add visual attraction, they add audio attraction, they add motion, shadow and reflection," says Mr. Wolfe. "They vary tremendously with the time of day and season — some people even illuminate them at night."

Lake Street Garden Center sells all of the equipment necessary to create your own water garden, including birdbaths, fountains, preformed (rigid) pools, vinyl liners, pumps and water plants. Water plants are an important element in creating a balanced ecosystem, according to Mr. Wolfe.

"The most popular water plant is the water lily — that's one of the biggest sellers," he says. "Some of the essentials are floaters and oxygenators ... floaters provide shade for the fish, absorb nutrients from the water and provide surface area



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Water lilies are popular additions to backyard water gardens, according to Frank Wolfe, owner of Lake Street Garden Center in Salem, N.H.

for microorganisms."

Many people start out small and gradually add to their water gardens. If you are looking for something more elaborate from the start, though, it's best to consult a landscape professional, who can design and install any water features imaginable.

And, the possibilities are endless, according to Michael Arserio of Arserio Landscaping in Andover, who says that the size, scope and design of a water garden has virtually no limits.

"You can have long streams, short streams, waterfalls, double waterfalls, islands, rock walls ... you can even build a sitting area," says Mr. Arserio. "It's endless — that's why I love them."

Of course, the more elaborate you get, the more money you'll spend. Mr. Arserio says that the actual pond is generally not the thing that drives up the bill. If you are creating depth or height, you have to bring in materials such as rock or fill and there is more design work involved. There are also other elements, such as plants, loam, bark mulch and perennials, that can get costly, depending

on the scope of the project.

While a simple design may run a couple of thousand dollars, some of the more complex designs with multiple water features can run as high as 10 or 15 thousand dollars, according to Mr. Arserio.

It seems that water gardens are becoming more desirable because they are so peaceful; their tranquil qualities can help relieve stress — something we could all use these days. Mr. Arserio recently visited the New England Flower Show in Boston and says that ponds with little waterfalls and plantings around them are very popular this year.

"Water features were very big (at the show)," says Mr. Arserio. "But, you want to make sure that the water circulates; when it sits there, you can get into trouble with mosquitoes and other problems." Besides circulation, it is also important to add natural bacteria about once a month and have some water plants, which help to oxygenate the water and feed off of bacteria.

Aquascape is one of the best products out there, according to Mr. Arserio. He explains that this particular water system is very low in maintenance; it's a biological ecosystem that circulates the water through lava rocks and filter pads. After digging layers in the soil with shelves, the liner is placed up over the edges and layered with rocks.

While it can sound fairly simple to do, Mr. Arserio warns that it's best to have someone who knows what they're doing install your system, especially if you want to have a natural-looking pond. He advises people to consult with a professional prior to purchasing any equipment.

"It's like anything — there's right and wrong ways to do things," Mr. Arserio says.

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Preparing to paint windows

Painting windows requires special preparation and techniques because of their glass and open-and-close operation. To protect the glass, you can use masking tape or a wipe-on protective film that's dispensed much like deodorant. Another option is to skip this step and scrape off any paint from the glass with a razor. It's a case of spending your time masking or scraping.

Apply the tape or film only after thoroughly dusting the corners of each window pane. The crevice tool of a vacuum works well to do this.

If you paint the windows without tape or film, you can use a trim guard to protect the glass area. These come either as a triangular-shaped piece of metal or a metal strip with a plastic handle. On bare wood windows, allow some paint to seal against the glass.

When it comes to removing hardware, purists will tell you to remove it before painting. But this is not always practicable.

If a window lock is covered by several layers of paint but works properly, decide how much time you want to spend on the window. You will crack the existing paint if you remove the lock, and this also leaves a dent in the paint the shape of the lock. Unless you

replace it with the same type, you will have to sand away the paint buildup in this area. If the hardware is not painted, it may be easier to remove it rather than paint around it.

Paint windows from the inside out. Begin painting the thin vertical and horizontal dividers between the panes in double-hung windows.

The same holds true for casement windows.

If your window has a removable window grille, take it out for a much easier job. Use a 1-1/2-inch-wide sash brush, and don't drag your brush back across the edge because this will cause a run in the paint.

If you are painting a double-hung window and the upper sash is movable, reverse the position of the inner or lower sash and the outer or upper sash. Paint the lower half of the outer sash first, then paint the inside sash. But don't do the top edge where the lock is. Save that until last.

Return the sashes to their normal positions, but don't close the window completely. Then paint the top of the outer sash and the top edge of the inner sash.

Switch to a 2-1/2-half-inch wide brush and paint the window frame from the inside out moving the sash cord, if there is one, out of the way to avoid getting paint on it. Next, paint the window casing. Cut in a nice, clean line where the casing meets the wall. Then paint the sill and the apron, which is the trim beneath the sill. When the paint is dry, scrape it off the glass with a razor scraper. Run the scraper down the joint between the glass and frame, then scrape away the paint working toward the sash.

Of course, if the upper sash is painted shut, you can't move it, so paint the upper sash from the inside out then open the lower sash and paint it. Leave it slightly open so the paint will not get dirty at the bottom of the sash.

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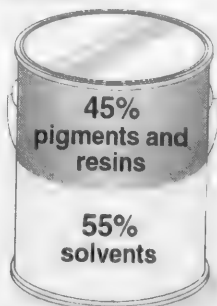
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Cheap paint

The old adage of getting what you pay for generally applies to paint, too. Here's why.

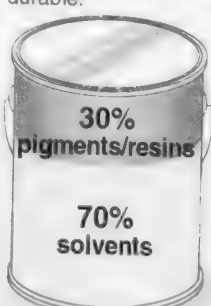
High-quality paint

■ These paints have more "good stuff" that will hold up over the years. Once dry, they leave behind a thick coat.



Low-quality paint

■ These paints have more filler and less "beef." Their dried coatings will be thin and less durable.



■ The pigments in high-quality paints tend to be finer and more pure, so they cover a surface with more opacity.

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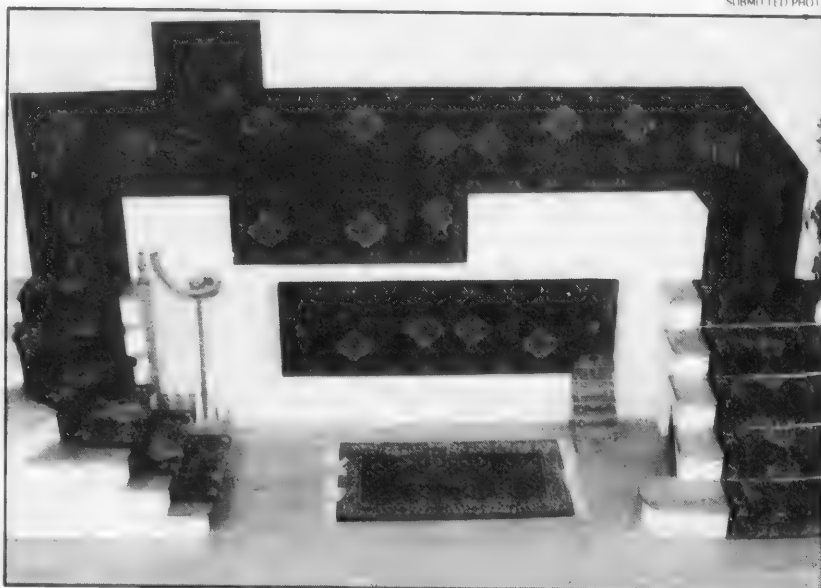
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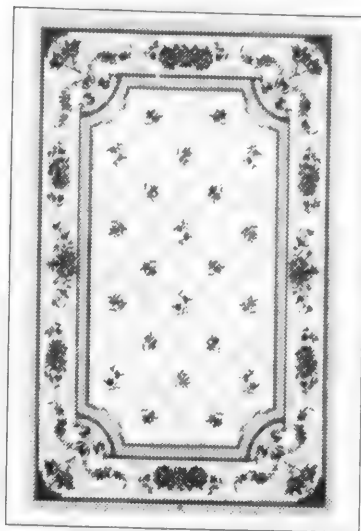
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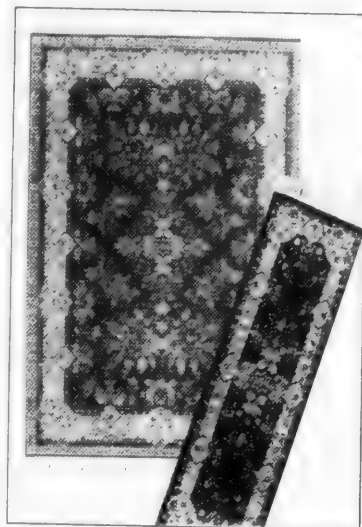
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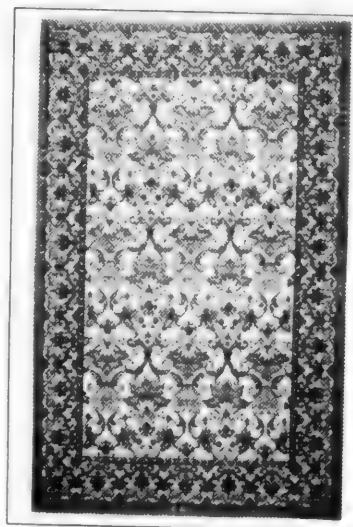
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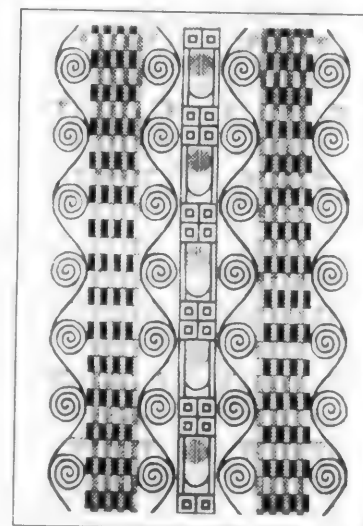
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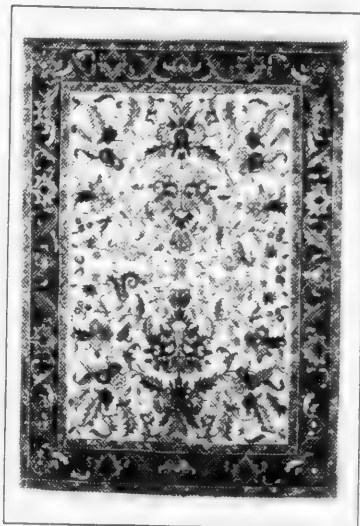
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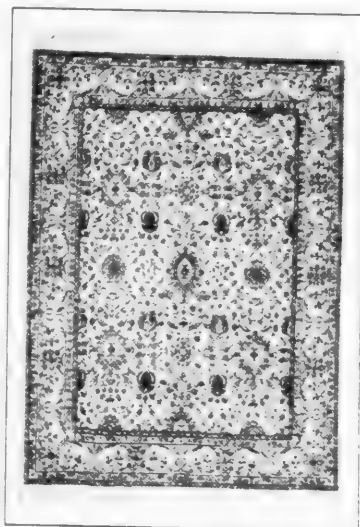
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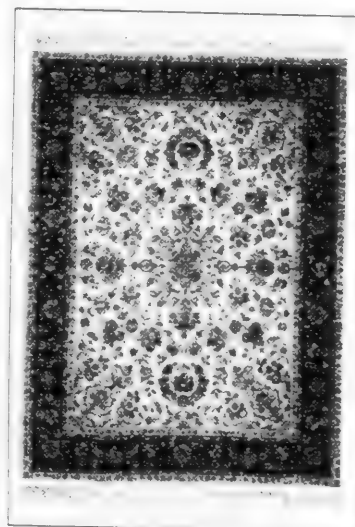
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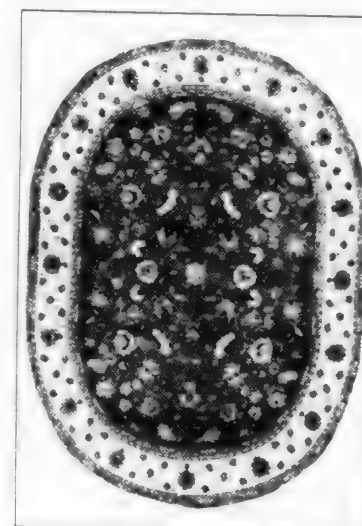
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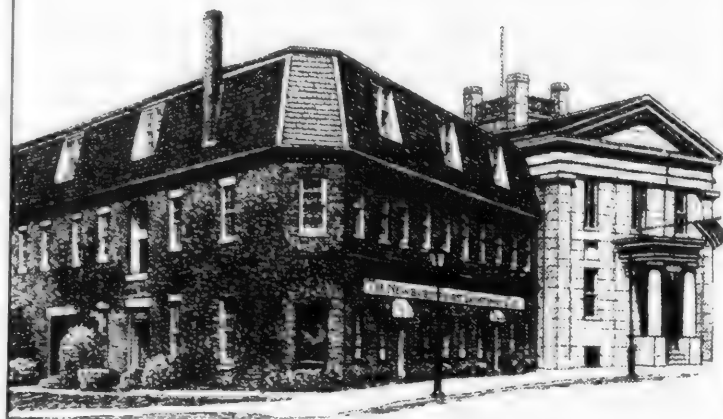
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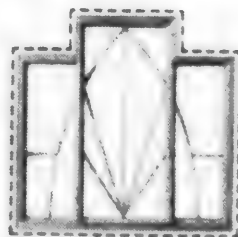
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Exterior motive: finding the right paint in the right shade

By Christine Meyer
Copley News Service

Rolling a fresh coat of paint over a tired-looking wall is a great way to brighten a room. But when it's time to paint the outside of your house, be prepared to invest more time and money in the job if you want it to look good and last.

For starters, you'll need more paint. It takes about 5 or 6 gallons to cover an average-size house with one coat. If you plan to use a painting contractor, try to get three bids, and ask for estimates of one coat vs. two, says Steve Lowe, the general manager at Don Smith Paint and Wall-

paper in Springfield, Ill.

Paint retailers and contractors agree that buying the manufacturer's top-of-the-line brand produces the best results and is the most economical over time. Average cost is about \$25 per gallon.

"There definitely is an advantage to going with a higher-end product when it comes to durability," says Collin McKahin, a marketing manager for Sherwin-Williams in Springfield. "If you're trying to buy a Cadillac for the price of a Yugo, it's not going to happen. Plus, the impact of paint is very great for comparably not a lot of money."

To find the best product for

your money, read the consumer reports and seek recommendations from local paint stores, Mr. Lowe says. If you're using a contractor, he usually has his favorite brands, as well. The best exterior paints contain an all-acrylic binder, which is advertised on the can as "100 Percent Acrylic" or "All-Acrylic."

Most consumers and contractors today use water-based latex paint rather than oil-based paint for several key reasons. Latex paint expands and contracts better to accommodate the elements, especially moisture. It's also more fade-resistant. Cleanup is easier with water-based paint, and it's gentler on the environment. Latex paints can be used on wood as well as vinyl or aluminum siding or masonry.

The condition of your siding may dictate which paint finish you choose. For example, a flat or low-luster paint hides more imperfections than a satin or high-gloss finish.

Choosing the right type of paint for your house may be a snap compared to selecting a color, says Sue Shelton, a Springfield homeowner who has spent the past 18 months in search of the perfect shade for her 1869 Victorian house.

Ms. Shelton has tried just about all of the recommended methods for picking a paint color. She's looked through books and magazines, driven around town to look at other buildings and houses and pored over dozens of color cards from the paint companies. Many paint manufacturers offer historically correct colors. You can check the manufacturer's Web site for color matching ideas.

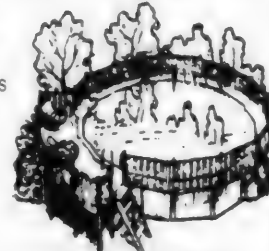
"I like bold color, and we live in a house that's always been white," Ms. Shelton says. "I also want something that's fun. I want people to walk past my house and smile. I'm trying to imagine color, but it has to fit in with your neighborhood, too."

One thing the Ms. Sheltons already have done correctly is reroof the house in a neutral shade that will work with most color schemes. If your landscaping is mature and in

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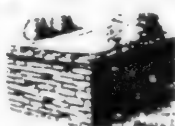
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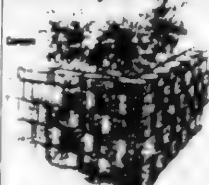
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Central AC and other devices can enhance indoor air quality

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As summer approaches, many homeowners will consider installing a central air conditioning system to improve their family's comfort level when the hot weather hits. Since we spend about 90 percent of our time indoors, it's a move that's certainly worth mulling over. Why not be comfortable?

But there are benefits to central air that go beyond staying cool. Does anyone in your family suffer with allergies or asthma? Have you ever been concerned about the effects that air pollution could have on your overall health? If so, you have more good reasons to consider central air and various air cleans-

ing, filtration and humidification devices currently on the market.

Staying indoors alone is no protection

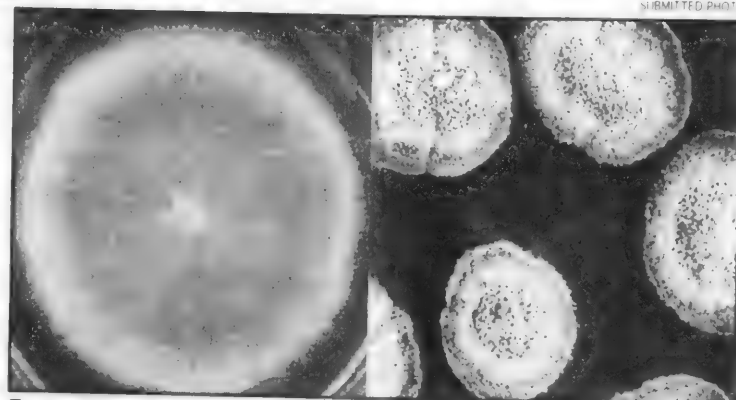
If you hesitate to venture outdoors because you think you're avoiding air pollution, think again. Studies of human exposure to air pollutants by the Environmental Protection Agency indicate that indoor pollution levels may be two to five times, and occasionally more than 100 times higher than outdoor levels. Homes built over the past 30 years are tighter and more energy efficient. This has led to an increase in poor indoor air quality because very little fresh air from outdoors is properly circulated inside. Poor air tends to stay inside, constantly re-circulating potential contaminants. Your home can contain bacteria, viruses, molds, fungus, pet dander and volatile organic compounds that are formed from chemicals used in var-

ious construction materials. These pollutants can cause allergies, respiratory problems, headaches, nosebleeds, fatigue, sinus irritation, dizziness and nausea. According to the American Medical Association, half of all illnesses are either caused or aggravated by poor indoor air quality.

The central air solution

Using a central air system inside your home will reduce indoor moisture. This is important because dust mites and fungus thrive in a moist environment. Air conditioning also allows windows and doors to stay closed, which keeps out some pollen and mold.

There are several additional measures you can take to improve your home's air quality. Options include ultra-violet cleansers, high-efficiency air cleaners, whole house humidifiers and air-to-air heat exchangers. A qualified indoor air quality designer, such as Climate



Fusarium, left, and fungus, right, are common airborne organisms in the home.

Design Systems, can give you information about various devices and help you choose the solution that's appropriate for your home.

Choosing an indoor air quality contractor

How do you find the best contractor to advise you on your indoor air quality needs, install a new system and maintain it for many years to come? According to Thomas A. DiPietro, Climate Design Systems' general manager, you should consider many factors.

"You need to know that your contractor will be able to respond quickly," says DiPietro. "Make

sure the company has separate service and installation departments. You'll get better, faster service that way. They should offer 24-hour emergency service and all of their technicians should be licensed and factory-trained."

Homeowners should compare warranties and look for a contractor that offers maintenance plans. Like Climate Design Systems, your contractor should be a member of the Better Business Bureau. Climate Design Systems is also a member of the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce and the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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Store it: simple solutions for maximizing living space

By Pat Stein
Copley News Service

It's an unwritten law: there's no such thing as too much storage space. While the feng shui concept of home decor that enhances body, mind and spirit calls for spacious areas free of clutter to avoid stagnant energy, we are a nation of consumers and most of us continue to accumulate "stuff."

Creating adequate storage does more than get clutter under control, it also promotes calm in the household and makes it possible for all members of the family to be more productive and happy, according to Damian Tuggey, a San Diego interior designer who specializes in space planning.

"When shelves, cabinets and drawers are so stuffed that you can't find anything, it makes life chaotic and when life is chaotic, you can't get much done," Mr. Tuggey says.

Storing all our stuff - from kids toys to home office supplies - is a challenge that's addressed room by room by space designer Kasha Harmer Hirst, author of "Storage."

"Good storage is both the art and science of making space work ... (to) make the house a living machine customized to fulfill the needs of our individual lives," Ms. Hirst says.

While built-in storage makes the most efficient use of existing space, unless it's well planned, it may not serve the changing needs of a

growing family. However, space planners at home improvement stores can help you plan new built-in cabinetry for home office, living room, dining room, kitchen, kids room and even garage storage that won't cost the world. At the very least, a free session with one of their consultants will give you some ideas, options and price points.

A consultation with an interior designer or a firm that specializes in space design (which is all about storage) can also give you ideas on creative use of existing space and they need not be pricey.

"Looking at under-utilized space is the key to carving good storage out of the space you already have," says interior

designer Stephanie Mathews, who uses inexpensive metal shelving, wire basket bins and other portable storage systems available in

office supply stores in her own home office.

She suggests that a built-in closet design system can make the best use of existing closet space. If you have room and want to add ambience as well as extra storage, an armoire in the bedroom may be the answer. Under-bed drawers can also provide space for clothes. Open woven baskets or other attractive containers can store items such as cosmetics and toiletries in plain view to make it easy for their owners to put things away after use.

An often overlooked area for storage is the stairway, according to Ms. Hirst. Staircases can be built or redesigned with storage boxes beneath each stair step.

Ms. Hirst suggests a large free-standing shelving unit as a useful divide between bedroom and bathroom. The bathroom is usually the smallest room in the house and therefore presents the greatest storage challenge, especially when several family members have to use the same space. She suggests a shelf lined with attractive, hand-woven baskets to hold individual family members' toiletries, jewelry and even clean towels as an inexpensive way to keep bathroom clutter under control.

The kitchen is the room where adequate storage is the highest priority. If you're lucky enough to be designing a kitchen from scratch or remodeling an existing kitchen, Ms. Hirst suggests that a kitchen island with plenty of storage beneath the working countertop is a good

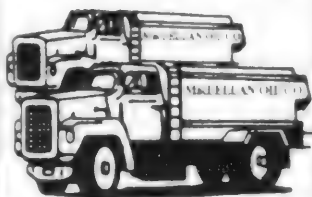
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“People should be keenly aware of safety issues when choosing furniture for their families,” says Jackie Hirschhaut, vice president of the American Furniture Manufacturers Association. To help consumers choose safe products for their homes, AFMA offers the following tips.

Bunk Beds – Not recommended for children under six. Top bunks should have guard rails on each side, with no more than 15 inches open at each end. Rails should be secure and sturdy (as should the ladder) and extend at least five inches above the top of a properly sized mattress.

Allow only one person on a top bunk at a time and don't allow horse play.

Upholstery – Look for the gold UFAC tag ensuring the furniture meets construction criteria outlined by the Upholstered Furniture Action Council. The voluntary UFAC program is credited with contributing to a major reduction in the number of upholstered furniture fires started by smoldering cigarettes.

Cribs – Crib slats or spindles should be spaced no more than 2 3/8 inches apart and none should be loose or missing. Make sure all screws, brackets and other hardware on the crib are properly installed. The mattress should fit snugly, with no more than two fingers-

width between the edge of the mattress and the crib.

Dressers and chests of drawers – Drawers should slide in and out easily. Check for automatic drawer stops that prevent the drawer from falling out. Open only one drawer at a time and never let children stand in open drawers.

Bookcases – Do not overload shelves. Consider securing the top portion of the unit to the wall to prevent tip-over, especially if there are children in the home.

Entertainment centers and TV stands – Help prevent possible tip-over by using the correct size and style furniture to house your television.

Storage and toy chests – Be

sure lids are equipped with safety latches that prevent them from slamming shut. Lids should not lock automatically.

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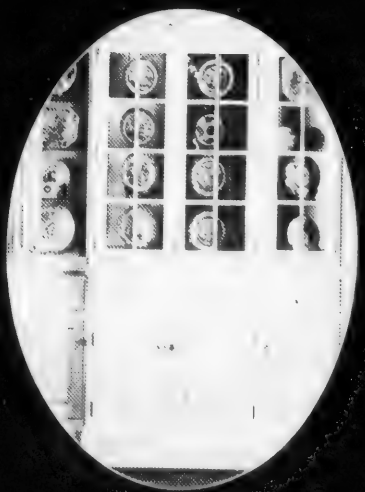


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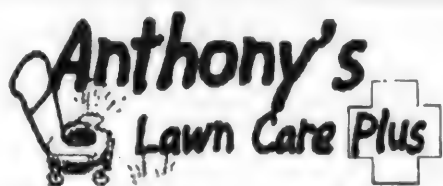
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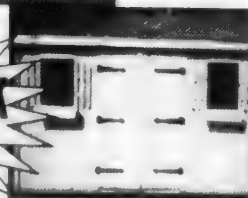
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Answer: Providing ventilation and a vapor barrier in the attic will control the moisture buildup and resulting attic condensation. You should also insulate the attic. Even though your house is located in a warm climate, insulation is cost-effective and will help make the house more comfortable.

During the summer, it's possible for the attic temperature to reach as high as 150 F. Attic insulation and ventilation helps reduce the heat load on the ceilings of the rooms below. It also helps reduce air conditioning costs.

Check with your local utility company to determine the recommended amount of insulation for your attic. It is more practical to install insulation batts with an

attached vapor barrier rather than using a separate vapor barrier. Place the batts on the attic floor between the joists with the vapor barrier facing toward the rooms below.

You should also use at least two vent openings _ to allow for air movement. Installing water-tight vents in the sheetmetal roof may be difficult, so your best bet would probably be to use gable vents. A combination of gable and soffit vents would be even more effective.

Since there will be a vapor barrier in the attic, the size of the vent openings can be less than it would be without a vapor barrier. Remember, the vent's effective area is less than its actual opening. Screens or louvers can reduce airflow through a vent by as much as 50 percent. The effective area should be at least one-three-hundredth of the attic floor area.

Question: The stairs leading from my deck to the ground have become shaky. What causes this, and what can you suggest to make them more secure?

Answer: A common cause for loosening deck stairs is frost heaving or settling, in that the earth or pad which supports the bottom of the stairs can move.

This loosens the attachment of the stair to the deck. The first course of action is to readjust the bottom support of the stair. If your steps sit directly on the earth, shim the stringers with flat rocks or shovel new earth in place. If your steps rest on a masonry pad, you'll have to lift and shim the pad. Then, reinforce the attachments at the top of the

stairs by driving toenails through the stringer into the rim joist.

Through use, the nails that hold the stringers to the stair treads can become loose. Use a long clamp to draw the stringers tight to the tread and drive new nails to hold the assembly together.

Question: With a cold winter expected this season, we expect the price of heating oil to rise and put a strain on our family budget. We've tightened up our house from an insulation standpoint. We also realize that our old furnace is not as efficient as the newer models, but it's still in good condition. What would you suggest, besides lowering the thermostat, to bring our heating bills under control?

Answer: One vital key to

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Maintaining an asphalt driveway

To maintain an asphalt driveway that originally was installed with at least a 4-inch depth over a good subbase, what usually is required is periodic filling of minor cracks that may develop and cosmetic sealing. Driveways exposed to a lot of extreme weather, or those with a relatively shallow (1-to 2-inch) thickness will require more attention. Following are specific repair techniques for common driveway problems.

To repair cracks, use blacktop driveway crack filler. This material comes in a cartridge and is used for cracks up to one-quarter-inch wide. Brush or vacuum loose material out of the crack, then lay in a continuous bead of filler. Allow it to set for about 10 minutes, then stroke over it with a putty knife to level and firm the bead to the crack's edges. If the crack is more than one-half-inch

deep, it should first be packed with sand to within one-quarter-inch of the surface.

A large pothole in the driveway is repaired with cold-mix, an asphalt-based filler that has larger aggregate than driveway patching compound. Typically, it comes in a 60- to 70-pound bag.

Use a cold chisel and hammer to chop out crumbling pavement until the pothole is rimmed with a clean, firm edge. If possible, undercut the hole slightly to lock the patch in place. Dig down until you get to a solid surface and remove loose debris from the hole's bottom. Shovel the mix into the hole, mounding it so it's about one-half inch higher than the surrounding surface. Compact the mound by tamping with a block of 2x4.

You can also pack the cold-mix by placing a scrap piece of plywood over the mound and dri-

ving back and forth over it with the front wheels of your car. Deep potholes should be filled and tamped in layers. Add some mix, tamp, then add more mix and tamp.

A coat of waterproof blacktop sealer, applied every two or three years, will protect the driveway from the sun, rain and snow, and will improve its appearance.

The sealer comes in 5-gallon cans and usually needs only to be stirred before use. Read the product label to determine how much area it will cover. Usually this ranges between 200 and 300 square feet, depending on the porosity of the surface. Apply the sealer with a long-handled applicator that has a squeegee on one side and a brush on the other. Roller applicators are also available.

First, pour enough sealer from the can to work a 3- or 4-foot-wide strip across the driveway. Using the squeegee side of the applicator, spread the sealer across the driveway, working it into all tiny cracks and crevices. When the strip has been covered, flip over to the brush side and use it to level the coating and smooth the ridges left by the squeegee. Work the brush at right angles to the path worked by the squeegee.

Don't leave puddles of sealer and don't spread it too thin. It's best to apply two coats. Read the

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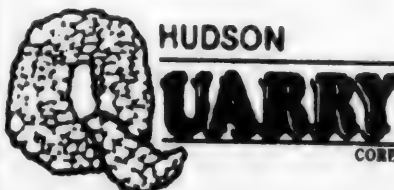
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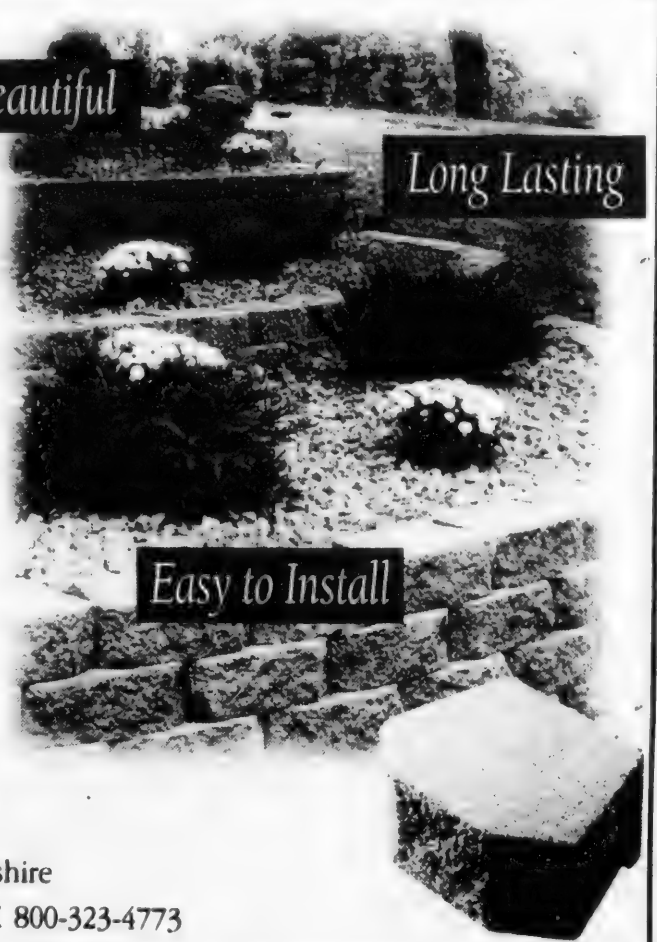
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Eliminate unsightly mildew – it's as easy as 1-2-3

(NAPSA) – In certain weather conditions, your home could be a breeding ground for mildew – an unsightly airborne fungus that thrives in damp areas.

Mold and mildew are various forms of fungus that can settle on any surface and, under the right conditions, grow or colonize on that surface. Mildew can cause discoloration and, if left untreated, may even deteriorate certain building materials.

Mildew is part of the environment in which we live. Mildew spores, which are similar to seeds, are microscopic and therefore difficult to detect until the spores colonize. The spores are transported easily by air currents, insects, animals and water. They will thrive when they have food, moisture, air (oxygen), and temperatures between 40 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit. It is impossible to totally control these four elements in an outdoor environment.

If you have a wood deck or wood siding on your home, you should know that it can be costly to repair wood surfaces affected by mildew that are left untreated for extended periods. Therefore, it's important to take early measures to remove fungal growth. By properly cleaning, treating and coating

your wood surfaces, you will protect your real estate investment with periodic maintenance.

Spotting a mildew problem

In early stages, mildew is often transparent. When it is visible, you will see a black, brown or sometimes whitish fungal growth. Outside the home, mildew forms most often on areas that tend to be damp, and receive little or no direct sunlight (walls with a northerly exposure and the underside of eaves are particularly vulnerable). In addition, horizontal surfaces such as decks may become catch-alls for airborne mildew spores. Decks are also susceptible to collect water and the pollen, dirt, tree sap, mulch, fertilizer etc. that mildew uses as food sources.

To test for mildew, apply a few drops of fresh household bleach to the discolored area; if the area lightens, the discoloration is probably mildew. If it does not lighten, the discoloration is likely dirt or another contaminant, or the mildew is under the coating.

Mildew removal

- Clean surface: – Prior to coating, clean the wood with a solution of one part household bleach to three parts water and a small amount of

non-ammoniated, low-sudsing detergent (not more than 1/3 cup detergent in a gallon of solution).

- Scrub thoroughly with a brush or power washer for large areas.

- Condition and protect surface – Make sure to rinse all surfaces thoroughly with clean water to ensure all chemicals, dirt and mildew are washed away. Allow the surfaces to dry thoroughly.

- If mildew was present on the original surface or in previous coats, and a new finish coat is applied, the mildew will grow through the coating. At this point all coatings must be removed down to the original substrate and then cleaned as described above before a new coat is applied. To do this, use an appropriate finish remover to cut through the existing coatings.

- Always follow bleaching solutions and finish removers with a wood cleaner designed to brighten, condition and enhance the wood's appearance.

To help protect your wood against further weathering and fungal problems, select only top quality paints,

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Functional design principles include ideas on how to create a textural room, how light affects texture and how to choose one dominant grain with a host of secondary fabrics.

Chapters for the texturally inclined include:

- Neutrals for living, sleeping, eating and bathing
- Soft colors for working and playing
- Strong colors for every room in your home

Source: Copley News Service

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Installing a ground-fault circuit interrupter

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, a ground-fault circuit interrupter installed in household branch circuits could prevent more than 200 electrocutions and many thousands of electric shock and burns that occur in and around the home each year. This, of course, assumes that the device has been properly installed.

Just a word about a ground-fault circuit interrupter. The GFCI is an electrical circuit that is built into a device such as a circuit breaker or an outlet receptacle. It is designed to protect people from severe or fatal electrical shocks. It does this by switching off the power to the device in a fraction of a second (about one-fortieth of a second). This is fast enough to prevent injury to anyone in good health.

The GFCI is activated when the circuit senses an imbalance in the electrical current between the hot and neutral line which is as small as 5 milliamps (5 one-thousandths

of an amp). At 50 milliamps, it takes only three-and-one-half seconds for a person's pulse to stop.

An imbalance in the electrical current occurs when there is an unintentional electrical path between the current and a grounded surface. This is referred to as a "ground fault." Without a GFCI, if a person provides the path to ground, he or she could be severely shocked, burned or electrocuted.

A GFCI outlet receptacle cannot do the job for which it is intended if it is not properly installed. With a regular duplex outlet receptacle, there are two terminals for the hot wire and two terminals for the neutral wire. It doesn't matter which hot terminal you connect the hot wire to. The same holds true for the neutral wire. It's a different story, however, with a GFCI receptacle.

Markings on the back of GFCI outlets indicate LINE and LOAD. The wires from the circuit breaker or fuse panel box must be connect-

ed to their respective LINE terminal screws. If instead they are connected to the LOAD terminals, the GFCI outlet will not provide protection against a shock hazard. The LOAD terminals are for the connection of additional outlets to be protected by the GFCI. This is

referred to as "feed-through protection." When the line wires are connected to the LOAD terminals and the GFCI trips (activated), power to the feed-through outlets is interrupted, but power to the GFCI outlet receptacle itself is not switched off. Consequently, there

will be no protection against a shock hazard resulting from any appliance plugged into the GFCI outlet.

Manufacturers recommend that the GFCIs in your home be checked once a month.

Source: *Popular Mechanics*



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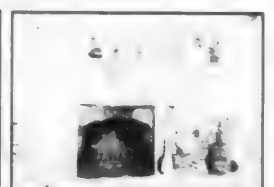
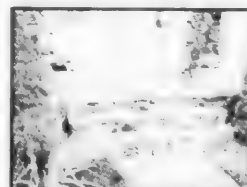
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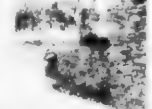


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MILDEW

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Long-term mildew prevention

The best way to minimize mildew long-term is to keep your deck/siding clean. To help reduce your mildew problem, use these following tips.

- Direct water away from structures by maintaining

roofs, rain gutters and grading, which will control dampness.

- Improve air circulation by cutting back trees and shrubs to several feet away from structures.

- Eliminate water contact with wood structures and minimize waste by repairing and adjusting sprinklers to control the amount and direction of water flow.

- Control excess moisture year-round by installing moisture vapor barriers under decks and other structures,

and in walls where required. For interiors, install attic ventilation, bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans.

When using chemical products or machinery like power washers, always follow manufacturers' directions, use appropriate eye, skin and apparel protection, and protect pets and plants from all solutions.

So remember, by cleaning and recoating as necessary, you will avoid costly repairs, protecting your real estate investment for years to come.

Garden tips from the pros

It's time to start playing in your garden again. After the winter thaw, you may find you have some new landscaping questions, or you may have taken up the new hobby of herb gardening. No matter what your interest is, Mahoney's has a class for you. This is your chance to ask questions specific to your Andover and North Andover climate zone 5. Classes have already started, so register soon to reserve your spot! Classes are free.

April 6, 10:30 a.m., Home Landscaping Ideas: Need some help designing that special garden? Landscaping architect Rob Krieg will give a slide show presentation and answer any landscaping questions you might have.

April 6, 1 p.m., Organic Lawn Care: Green up that lawn and get rid of those pests and weeds organically. This is the seminar for you if you want a natural and chemical-free lawn.

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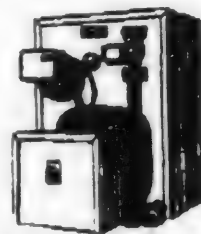
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Cutting costs on decorative walkways and borders

(NAPSA) — Homeowners can now save money when building walkways, steps and borders by using molds designed to form concrete into the look of brick, block or stone accents for use in gardens and around their homes.

The cost of paving brick, block or stone can quickly turn a simple project into an expensive one. Fortunately, homeowners can cut costs without compromising quality by utilizing reusable plastic molds. The molds come in a variety of brick and stone patterns to help build concrete walkways through gardens, steps leading to doorways, or borders around flower beds.

Also, colors can be added to the concrete during the mixing process to achieve an authentic look of red brick, terra cotta stone or slate.

To create a walkway, steps or border, do-it-yourselfers need a mold pattern, packaged concrete, a mixing bucket or wheelbarrow. a

trowel and a shovel. Once the materials are gathered, follow the following step-by-step directions.

1. The ground will need to be cleared of grass and the soil should be leveled to allow the mold to be properly applied.

2. Follow the directions on the bag to prepare the concrete.

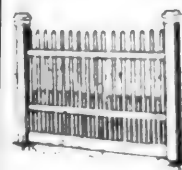
3. Place the mold level on the ground and fill the cavities of the mold with the concrete.

4. When the mold is completely filled, use a trowel to smooth the surface until the concrete is even with the mold.

5. Once the concrete starts to hold its shape, gently remove the mold. Smooth the edges using the trowel until desired appearance is reached.

6. To continue the pattern, simply place the mold at the end of the first application. Repeat steps 3 through 5 until the desired length of the walkway, steps or border is reached.

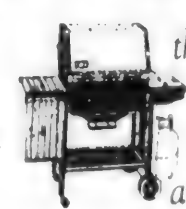
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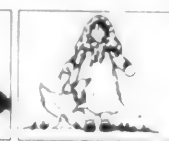


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While kids outgrow their clothes, the same needn't be true of their furniture. High-quality beds, desks and storage pieces can be chosen with an eye toward long-term use. Here are some tips for shopping for long-lasting children's furniture.

- Consider the construction. Solid hardwood means that each exposed furniture part is made of hardwood lumber. Hardwood veneers are thin slices of wood bonded to plywood or particle board. And artificial laminates simulate, but aren't, real wood. Hardwoods stand up best to abuse inflicted by active children; scratches and nicks can be sanded out; and the piece can be refinished.

- Look at the finish. A well-finished piece should be free of drips and bubbles, and its interior surfaces should be smooth to ensure that it's safe and "kid-proof."

- Look for quality details. Well-constructed pieces include drawers with dovetail construction, hardware that's straight and firmly secured, and doors that swing freely and smoothly.

- Inspect for safety. Make sure that bookshelves and other vertical furniture are sturdy and will not easily tip over. Look for drawer stops that prevent drawers from being completely removed. When buying for very young children, make sure the furniture doesn't have sharp corners.

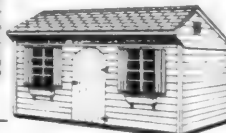
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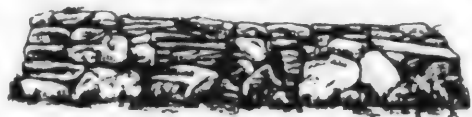
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You can give bugs the boot

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(NAPSA) – Outdoor experts say it's easy to have fun in the sun without being bugged by insects.

According to Dr. William Forgey, a practicing family physician and avid outdoorsman, knowledge is the key to getting bugs to buzz off.

"Creating a bug free environment is pretty simple, as long as you know what you need for the situation," says Dr. Forgey. He recommends the following tips to stop bugs from taking a bite out of your family.

– The great outdoors. Campers and outdoor enthusiasts can tell bugs to take a hike by using certain types of repellent. Forgey recommends a clothing repellent known as permethrin. He says campers should pretreat their clothes and sleeping gear with the repellent to provide weeks of protection (even after multiple washings). When the substance is used collectively by a number of campers, its effects multiply, helping to create a "bug-free" zone.

In addition, Forgey says, you may need a controlled-release repellent for all-day protection and a broad-spectrum repellent with R326 to protect against biting flies.

– The backyard. When the weather heats up, many peo-



The right repellents can help parents protect their kids from outdoor insects and pests.

ple are out all day long – so are mosquitoes and ticks. Forgey recommends a long-lasting, controlled release repellent. These repellents are lotion-based, waterproof, and usually last all day.

– The playground. "In my 30 years of practice," says

Forgey, "permethrin has proven to be the safest way to protect infants and children from insect bites and disease." He says it's a good idea to treat strollers, clothing and other materials with permethrin the day before they will be worn or used.

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reducing your home utility bills is to block air leaks with insulation, weather-stripping, or caulk. Whether the air is "conditioned" for winter heating or summer cooling, it is essential that you do not let conditioned air escape to the outside. Contractors and energy inspectors tell us that two of the most commonly overlooked cracks in the house are the crack where the bottom or mud sill of the framing meets the concrete basement wall, and the bottom of the exterior doors where the door meets the threshold.

The crack between the mud sill and concrete basement wall is the longest continuous crack in the house, because it includes the total circumference of the house. Check the crack to see how large it is. If the crack is very large you can fill it with plumber's oakum or twists of fiberglass insulation, then caulk the crack tight. After filling the crack, cut fiberglass insulation bats to fit the space where floor joists, rim joists and mud sill meet.

Advances in door weather-stripping include bottom strips or door sweeps that are made of vinyl, and often have multiple, overlapping layers

to ensure a seal between the door bottom and the threshold. Inspect the door sweep on all exterior doors and install the best sweep you can find at replacement time. Remember, too, that the sweeps keep out summer dust and insects, as well as winter's cold winds.

Question: Our home has an older gas-fired hot-water boiler, with a pressure regulator and a relief valve to maintain the proper water pressure. A 30-gallon cylindrical tank is slung horizontally from the ceiling over the boiler, and connected to the main hot-water line. A small amount of water leaked from the relief valve drain on each heating cycle. The overhead tank was waterlogged and, assuming that it was intended for expansion of the heated water, I pumped air into it. This stopped the leaking from the relief valve, but resulted in several airbound radiators. Is this tank an expansion tank or an emergency source of water to the boiler?

Answer: The tank is an expansion tank and not an emergency water source. The water feed line to the boiler, with its pressure-reducing valve, will automatically feed water at the required pressure (12 to 15 psi) whenever

makeup water is needed. In a hot-water heating system, the distribution pipes, radiators and boiler are a closed circuit completely filled with water. When the water heats up, it expands. The additional volume of water flows into the expansion tank where it presses against a cushion of air — or in newer systems, against a diaphragm. Without an expansion tank in the system, expanding water would cause the pressure-relief valve to discharge. When an expansion tank becomes waterlogged, the system acts as if there is no expansion tank, and the relief valve constantly discharges. To correct this, you have to drain the tank. In the process, an air cushion will be re-established. If you have an older style tank without a diaphragm, it should be drained completely. A diaphragm-style tank needs to be only about two-thirds drained. If there is a shut-off valve in the line between the tank and boiler, be sure to leave it in a fully open position after draining the tank.

Your airbound radiators are caused by pockets of air trapped in the system. To release this air, you have to bleed the system. All or some of your radiators should have small key-operated valves for

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Even if you've never heard of Charles and Ray Eames, you've probably seen their work — the molded plywood and fiberglass chairs that have populated waiting rooms for the last half century, for one example, and the sleek black lounge chair and ottoman in the background of "Frasier's" TV living room, for another.

This husband and wife team were among the most influential of the 20th century's designers. Much of their work is documented on the Web site, www.eamesoffice.com, of the Eames Office, a family-run business that seeks to communicate, preserve and extend their work.

The site offers biographical information, updates for collectors, information on films the Eameses made, a forum and a chance to buy items including books, prints, engagement calendars and education resources. You can even watch a five-minute film the couple made about the Los Angeles house they designed and lived in.

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Esprit décor: planning makes buying home furnishings easier

By Judy Buchenot
Copley News Service

"Um, I need a couch."

This statement doesn't give furniture sales staff members much to go on when a customer comes into the store. Some customers even refuse help and hide when approached by sales staff members.

After 25 years in the interior decorating business, Rosemary Wasilevich has seen many types of furniture shoppers and fre-

quently finds that they are not prepared for the experience.

"You prepare a list for the grocery store," she says. "So why not make a list before going to the furniture store?"

To make the furniture shopping experience more successful and efficient, Ms. Wasilevich outlined some ways to get prepared for the excursion. Some furniture store managers have added their ideas on ways to shop for furniture.

One of the first considerations is size and space. Ms. Wasilevich

noted that a couch may look just right in the spacious showroom but too large when placed in the limited space of a living room. It can be puzzling to decide whether two chairs and a sofa fit best or if a love seat and couch are the best combination. The best way to tackle these issues is to make a floor plan of the room where the furniture is going to be placed.

"Use 1/4-inch graph paper and draw the room. Include all the architectural details like a fireplace, windows, doorways," Ms. Wasilevich says.

Furniture shoppers may even want to make little squares and rectangles in the approximate size of chairs, tables and sofas. These little pieces can be moved around the floor plan to determine an arrangement.

Take this floor plan along on the furniture shopping trip. A salesperson can use this valuable information to make suggestions for arrangements.

"This is the best way to avoid getting furniture that is too big," Ms. Wasilevich says.



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One of the first considerations when purchasing furniture is size and space.

While speaking about size, Ms. Wasilevich reminded shoppers to sit on the furniture to test for a personal fit.

"My friend and I once did a sit-test at the furniture mart," Ms. Wasilevich says. "We sat in many chairs and found that a sitting depth of 21 inches, which means the distance from the edge to the back of the seat, was very comfortable for both of us even though she was much taller than

me." Although 21 inches is a nice gauge, personal comfort is the most important factor.

Another step in preparing for furniture shopping is to figure out what styles and colors you like. The best way to do this is to go through ads and magazines to find pleasing arrangements. If possible, Ms. Wasilevich suggested tearing the pages from the books and keeping them together in a folder.

"Then look through the pictures and look for common looks and colors. That is what you like," Ms. Wasilevich says.

Not everyone is an interior designer, noted Sandy Andes, a member of the sales staff at Bays of Plainfield in Illinois.

"Some people don't know that what they like is called contemporary, traditional, country or cottage," she says. But a customer who carries in photos of favorite couches allows the salesperson to quickly guide them to similar designs within the store.

One error that some customers make is to assume that a piece of furniture only comes in the color shown on the floor.

"We show a couch in one fabric but often it is available in hundreds of other fabrics," says Kay Whalen, store manager of Toms-Price Home Furnishings in Wheaton, Ill. "There is a real psychology of color. We all live best in certain surroundings so it is important to find colors that are pleasing."

Ms. Wasilevich says that colors are often associated with moods.

"Blue is peaceful and calm. Yellow is happy and energetic."

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Red is exciting and warm and it also stimulates the appetite," she says.

She also noted that mixing colors and designs makes a room more interesting. Three pieces of furniture in a room do not need to be covered in identical fabric.

"You can use varied colors and textures as long as the colors connect and pull the room together," she says.

When choosing fabric from swatches, it is important to consider the size of the design compared to the size of the piece of furniture. A large flower print placed on a small chair may look awkward.

Price is another consideration before shopping

"Price range is an uncomfortable topic," Ms. Whalen says. "But it helps us to hear what you would like to spend. Setting a price is a good idea, but you have to be flexible."

When a customer has not shopped for furniture for several years, the current prices can be a surprise at first.

Ms. Whalen has noticed that many furniture shoppers have become less influenced by the latest designs and more interested in quality.

"We're becoming a little more European in that way," Ms. Whalen says. "We are buying something that will last and always look good. Well-designed furniture is one commodity that increases in value."

Shoppers also should consider how the furniture will be used

"In the olden days, parlors were for entertaining and the bedroom

was for sleeping," Ms. Wasilevich says. "But not today. Bedrooms have phones, fireplaces and comfy chairs along with the bed. Parlors are rooms that we use - sometimes as guest rooms through a sofa sleeper."

Fabric selection also will be affected by the use of furniture. A family room couch where children play will need more durable fabric than the formal living room couch.

Carrying a folder into the store filled with a floor plan, style preferences and color ideas will make furniture shopping go more quickly.

"But you are the most important decision maker," Ms. Wasilevich says. "Follow your instincts. Have fun with style. Remember beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

Quality goes to the frame

"Brand-new furniture all looks good in the store," observes Russ Mr. Hotchkiss, the owner of Bays of Plainfield. "And there are so many manufacturers that it is virtually impossible to know them all. Anybody with a factory can start making furniture."

To make things more challenging, the factors determining quality are often hidden from consumers' eyes under layers of padding and upholstery.

However, experts do have a few suggestions to help consumers get the best quality for their furniture dollars.

"It helps to go to a reliable business owner to begin," says Ms. Whalen. Companies like Toms-Price who have been in business since 1908 have remained in business due to reputation for quality merchandise.

The sales staff members should

be able to answer very specific questions about furniture construction.

"Ask if the wood used is kiln-dried hardwood rather than other drying methods," Ms. Whalen says. "Check on the joinery of the piece. The joinings should be with dowels and screws rather than just nailed together. There should be eight-way hand-tied springs inside the cushion or inside the frame. The cushions should be high-density foam."

A careful eye should be used when examining the furniture. Directional upholstery patterns should match from frame to cushion.

"Look for the details like welting, which is the cord around the seams," Ms. Whalen says. "Open and close drawers to see that everything moves freely. Look for hand carving or details that show quality." Sit down on the furniture and check for a wobble or lack of support.

Some upholstery tags have durability ratings that help consumers match the fabric to the amount of use. Experienced designer Ms. Wasilevich notes that polished cotton will lose its sheen through heavy use. Basically, the tighter the weave, the stronger the fabric will be. The weight of the fabric also will add to durability.

If terms like kiln-dried and double doweled are confusing, Mr. Hotchkiss suggested looking for warranties.

"Decent manufacturers will warranty a frame for life instead of just a year," Mr. Hotchkiss says. "A good guarantee for a cushion is at least 10 years, although some go to lifetime. The seat deck itself should also be warranted for 10 years."

ture dips below 50 degrees.

Anne Craig of Springfield says she had a much easier time selecting the color combination that transformed her white, turn-of-the-century Neo-Colonial into a stately eye-catcher. She knew she wanted the body of the house to be a shade of dark green. Working from that, she chose a preselected combination from M A B Paints. The body of the house is a deep greenish-blue called Bainbridge. Trim and accent colors are Ranch Red and a neutral called Bond House.

Like many homeowners, the Craigs decided to use a painting contractor who was referred to them. Most paint stores are a reliable source of referrals because they work with the contractors daily.

One of the most important questions to ask a painting contractor concerns the type

of prep work he has planned for your job. A surface that's ready for paint should be clean, dry and patched or caulked. It should be primed where needed, according to Sherwin-Williams. Any peeling or flaking paint has to come off. Some contractors scrape, sand and use a wire brush to prepare the surface for paint. Others use power washing, or a combination of these.

Proper preparation "is 95 percent of the job," says Mr. McKahin. "Even if you're putting on the best paint, without the prep, it won't perform."

Retailers and contractors agree that a good exterior paint job will last five to 10 years. Insisting on a thorough prep and buying quality paint are a couple of things you can do to make sure the job lasts as long as possible.

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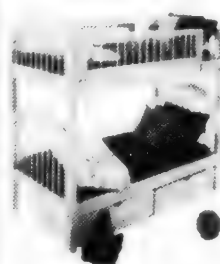
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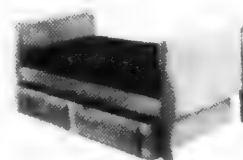
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place, and you have structures such as a deck or brick patio, you'll need to keep those colors in mind, too. The color of the house should complement or enhance the landscaping, not wash out or clash with it, says Mark McWilliams, a landscape architect with Green View Cos. in Springfield.

To help settle on a color, Ms. Shelton has started buying paint 1 quart at a time to try on various spots around her house.

"Time is running out," she says. "My husband has just started priming the back."

For best results, the top coat should go on within two weeks of the primer. And latex paint shouldn't be applied when the tempera-

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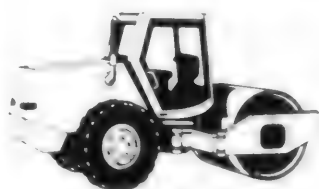
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this purpose. After the boiler has been operating for several hours, hold a cup under each valve and open it to release the air until you get a steady stream of hot water.

Question: The stairs leading from my deck to the ground have become shaky. What causes this, and what can you suggest to make them more secure?

Answer: A common cause for loosening deck stairs is frost heaving or settling, in that the earth or pad which supports the bottom of the stairs can move. This loosens the attachment of the stair to the deck. The first course of action is to readjust the bottom support of the stair. If your steps sit directly on the earth, shim the stringers with flat rocks or shovel new earth in place. If your steps rest on a masonry pad, you'll have to lift and shim the pad. Then, reinforce the attachments at the top of the stairs by driving toenails through the stringer into the rim joist.

Through use, the nails that hold the stringers to the stair treads can become loose. Use a long clamp to draw the stringers tight to the tread and drive new nails to hold the assembly together.

Question: Our house sweats inside when it's cold outside. The windows steam up terribly on winter days. Water runs down the sill to the walls and all the way to the baseboard. The house is framed with R-30 insulation in the attic. Other homes in the area have the same problem. They were all built in 1954. I know storm windows would help but they're expensive. Do you have a cheaper solution?

Answer: We've run into excessive humidity in the house for years now, and it appears that yours is a classic case. To cut down on humidity, an exhaust fan in the bathroom and kitchen venting damp air to the outside is necessary.

Although storm windows might appear as an unwanted expense to you now, stack their cost against the value of your house. This makes them appear relatively inexpensive and they should save their cost in fuel bills in a few years.

Condensation is caused by warm moist air coming in contact with the cold glass in your windows. Storms should help to keep the window glass from becoming so cold that condensation forms. This can prevent serious damage to the walls from staining, plaster damage and wood rot over a long period of time.

Question: Our new wood stove smokes up the room when we open the stove door for stoking. We have a tri-level house, and the stove uses 6 feet of pipe from the stove to the ceiling, then another 6 feet of pipe through the roof topped with a rain cap. The salesman who sold us the stove said we needed another 2 feet of chimney for sufficient draft to stop the problem. We did this but the problem persists.

Answer: There are several angles to consider when the draft does not appear adequate. Most wood stoves have recommended drafts. You can check this with a manometer that should register .05 inches of water when placed in the flue. The location of the stove in the house is also important. If the stove is in the lower level of a tri-level, 14 feet of chimney might not be enough. Large trees can interfere with your draft causing high-pressure areas around your chimney. Also, you could have air leaks in your house, causing air to rush out various cracks creating a lower pressure around your stove. Opening a window slightly sometimes helps, but it must be on the pressure side of the house. Opening and closing doors of certain rooms can sometimes affect the air pressure in a house as well.

Quick and easy home improvement tips

(NAPSA) — Many home improvement projects may be easier than you realize. Following are a few hints that can help.

- Fill gaps between walls and trim with paintable latex caulk, using caulking that matches the paint or paint the caulked area to match the wall.

- To obscure scratches on dark furniture, mix 1 teaspoon of instant coffee with 1 teaspoon of water or 1 teaspoon vegetable oil and gently wipe the surface clean. (Don't use this on shellac or antiques.)

- For removing damaged tiles, place a cloth over the damaged piece and carefully iron over it. The heat should loosen the tile and adhesive, making it easier to pry up and

replace.

- If bubbles have formed in your vinyl flooring, cut a slit into the center of the bubble, carefully fill it with vinyl floor adhesive, smooth it out and then weigh it down until the adhesive sets.

- When painting furniture, wipe the surface clean with a rag and sand off the gloss with a medium grade sanding pad. Next, prime the wood with an oil-based primer and finish with two or three coats of enamel.

- To prevent a wooden dresser drawer from sticking, sand the bottom edges of the drawer sides and the tops of the runners lightly with a medium grit sandpaper.

- When installing carpet runners on stairs, buy an extra 18

inches and tuck the extra material under at the foot of the stairs. When the runner begins to wear, untack it, move it up a few inches, and reattach it.

- If insects have found a tiny hole in your screen and infested your home, seal the hole with shellac or clear nail polish.

- To remove oil stains on your driveway, mix two parts powdered laundry detergent, two parts baking soda, and one part household bleach. Scrub the stain and wash away with a hose.

- When debris clogs your gutters, use a whiskbroom or a kitchen spatula to clean them out and then hose out your gutters to ensure that the downspout is clear.

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Simple improvements to liven up your home

(NAPSA) – From the time we were children, we've heard the expression "your home is your castle." Home is our haven-the welcoming place where we can raise our families and spend time with friends and loved ones. But even the coziest of homes can use a little sprucing up to make things more livable and inviting.

Minwax, the country's leading manufacturer of wood finishing and wood care products, has a few "do-it-yourself" home improvement tips to help you update your home without spending a fortune.

One way to brighten up your home is by adding new pieces of unfinished wood furniture that you stain yourself. You can also enhance the look of a room by adding molding in a stain that matches the woodwork or furniture. To create a stylish accent, color coordinate these pieces to match the décor of your room using water-based

stains that come in vibrant colors such as Cherry Blossom, Mandarin Orange and Island Water, in addition to traditional wood tones.

"Transforming a room can be fun and rewarding," says wood-finishing expert Bruce Johnson. "There are many simple home improvement projects you can do to give your home a one-of-a-kind look that's fresh and new."

Liven up your living space with the following home improvement tips.

Accent the positive – Add chair rails and wainscoting to dining rooms, family rooms, dens and hallways to provide a rich touch. Finish in a wood tone or select a color to match your décor.

Bland to grand – Enhance unfinished armoires, coffee tables, desks and dressers by staining them in a colorful stain to give a room a brighter and more spacious appearance. Many of these

pieces have the added bonus of increasing storage options too!

Character builders – Finish and install molding to walls and ceilings to gracefully age a new room, giving it character.

Friendly fireplaces – Build a mantel around your fireplace or strip and refinish your current one to add charm and warmth to the room.

Bare to beautiful – Transform a chest or armoire by staining the cabinet in one color and drawer fronts in another color, and top it off with a protective clear finish.

Striking structures – Change the entire look of a room by finishing the window frames and sills in a fresh new wood-tone stain, or select a colored stain that maximizes the room's natural light.

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option. Shallow built-in floor-to-ceiling shelves also make good use of space.

"A new kitchen is about the most expensive home improvement that you can make but it's also the quickest way to add value to your home," she says.

Kitchen remodels range from about \$25,000 to \$50,000, but if a total remodel is not in your budget, she suggests customizing existing cabinet interiors to make more efficient use of existing

space, putting up new shelving and utensil racks.

Floor-to-ceiling units provide lots of space where infrequently used items such as turkey roasters and punch bowls can be stored on high shelves while more frequently used items can be stored on lower shelves where they are within easy reach.

Ms. Hirst also suggests installing shallow floor-to-ceiling shelving on the walls of hallways and corridors. Because they are usually transitional spaces that lead from public to private rooms in a home she cautions that

hallways and corridors are best used as storage for books and collections, rather than family "stuff."

Other creative storage ideas that she suggests include an under-stair wine cellar, an above-the-door library, work and storage space in corridors, pigeon holes in home offices and kids' rooms and painted clip boards to help organize your work week from the home office, which may be centered around a simple desk made with two filing cabinets for legs and a door for a worktop.

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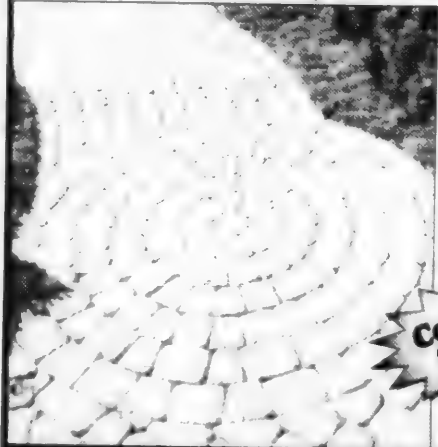
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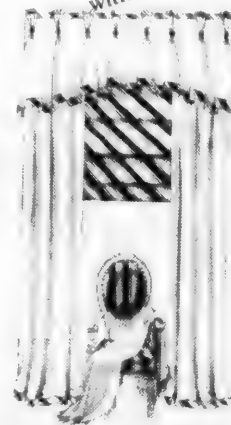
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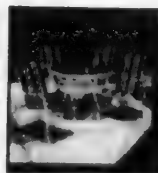
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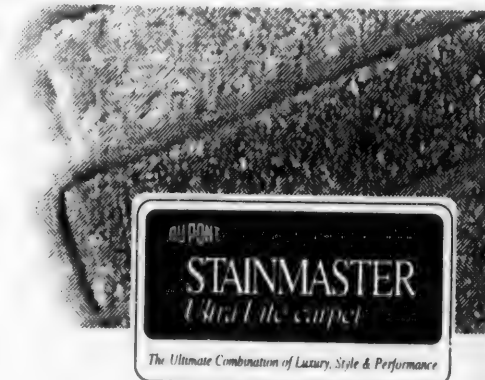
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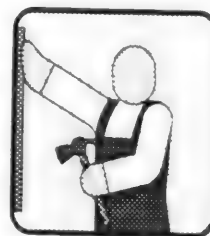


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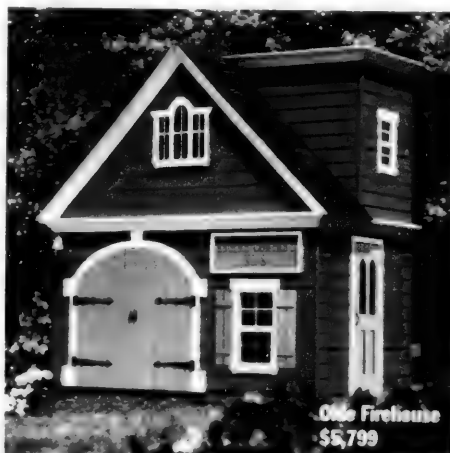
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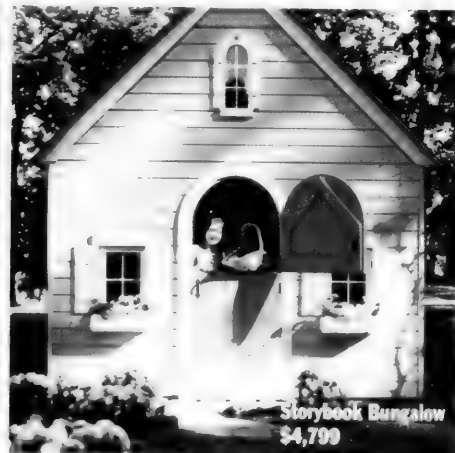
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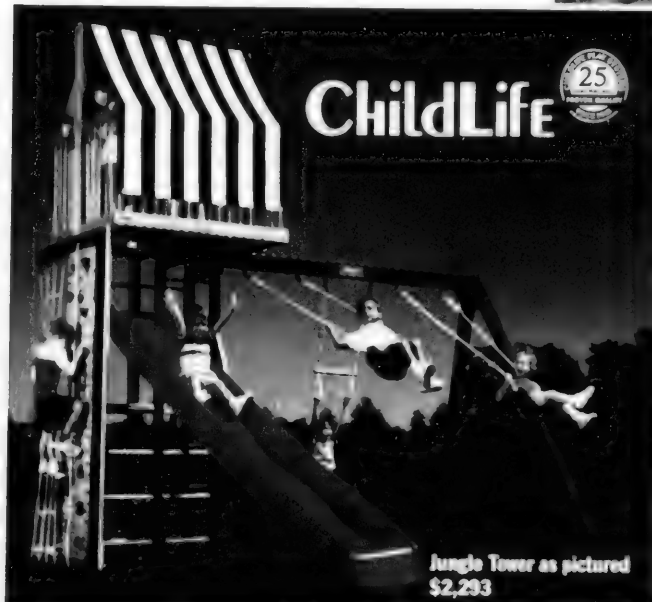
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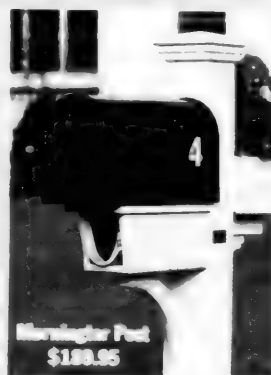


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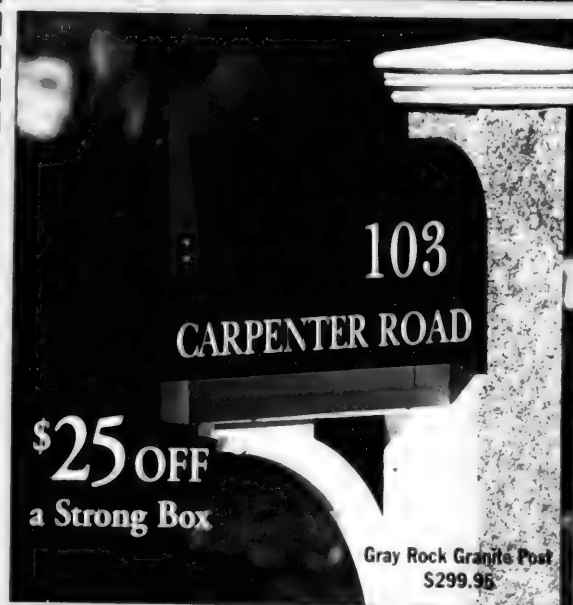
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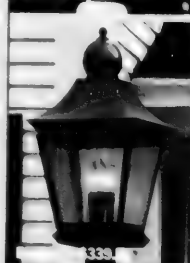
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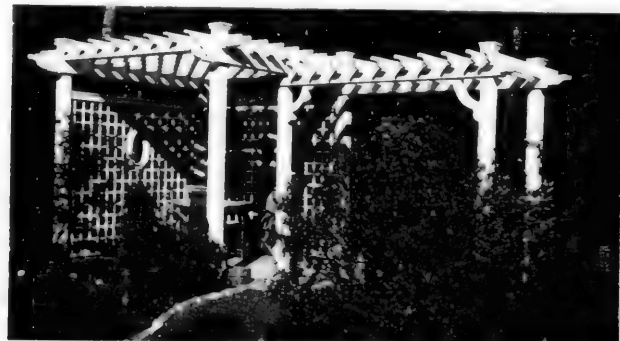
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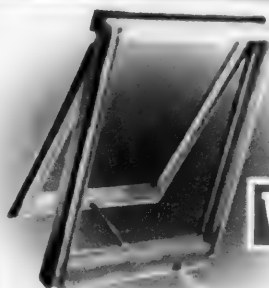
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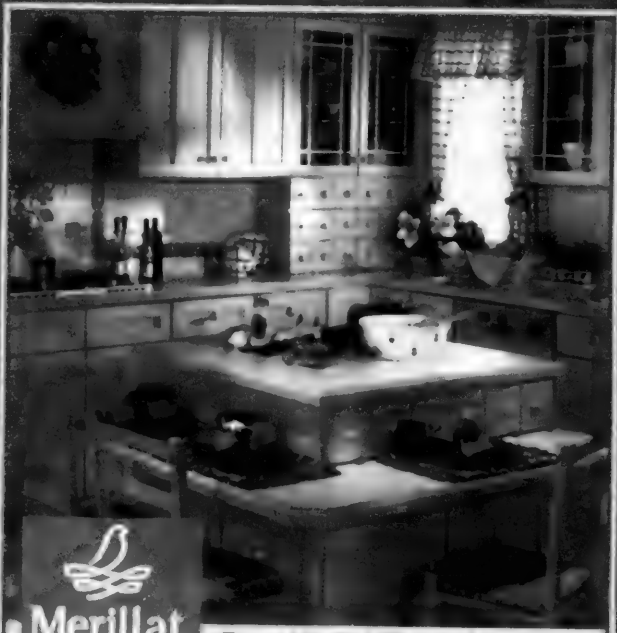


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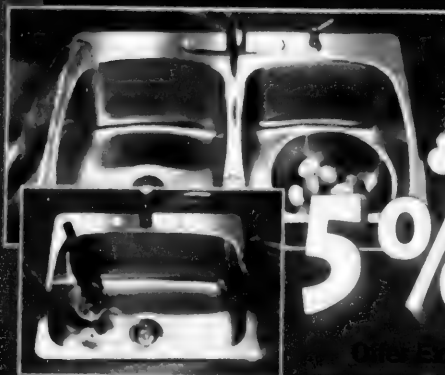
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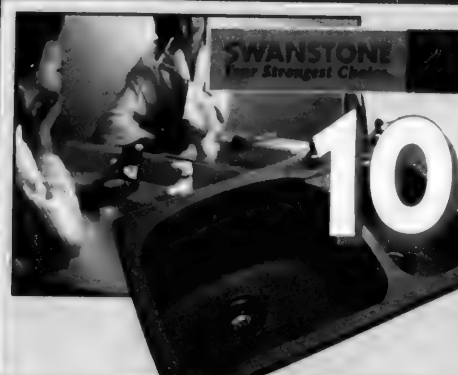
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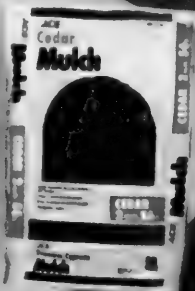
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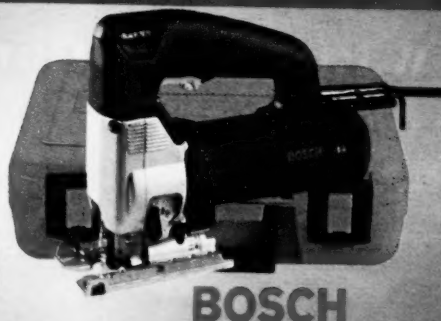
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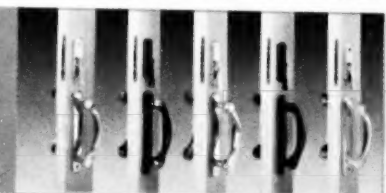
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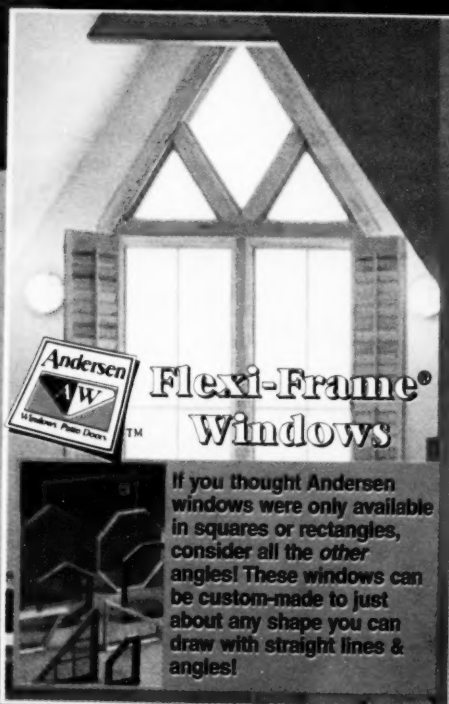
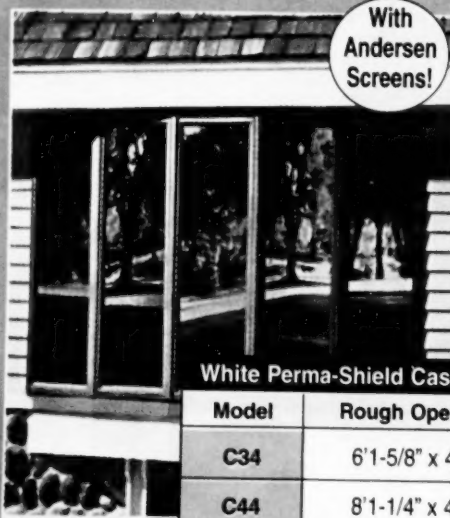
Perma-Shield Bow Windows

White Casements w/High Performance Insulated Glass

- Includes Andersen Screens - Grilles extra.
- 5-1/4" jamb-comes with Cable System
- Standard Vent Layout. Roof extra.

White Perma-Shield Casement Bow Windows

Model	Rough Opening	SALE
C34	6'1-5/8" x 4'2"	833⁸²
C44	8'1-1/4" x 4'2"	1102⁵³



Flexi-Frame® Windows

If you thought Andersen windows were only available in squares or rectangles, consider all the other angles! These windows can be custom-made to just about any shape you can draw with straight lines & angles!

Perma-Shield Gliding Patio Door

#PS6L/R White

808⁹⁵

- 4-9/16" jamb
 - PVC Wrap
 - Includes Andersen® Screen
 - White hardware
- Does not qualify for free hardware promo.

With Andersen Screen!



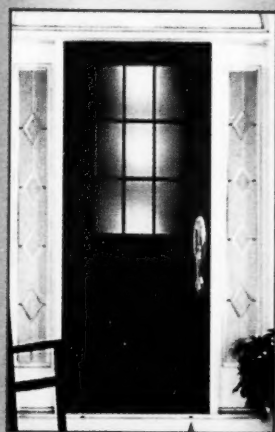
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Choose Your Views with THERMA-TRU



Premium Steel
Prehung Entry Door
#P-210 6-Panel 3/0 x 6/8

153⁰⁰



SMOOTH-STAR
Prehung Fiberglass Entry Door #S-262 White Low-E Clear 9-Lite 3/0 x 6/8

228⁶³



Classic-Craft™
Prehung Wood Look Fiberglass Entry Door #CC49 9-Lite w/Grille

687⁰⁰

3/0 x 6/8 sizes. All 3 doors feature 4-9/16" jamb. 908 casing included. Insulated glass. Aluminum sill with adj. Oak insert. Bored for lockset (lockset & sidelights not included). Allow 3-5 days delivery.



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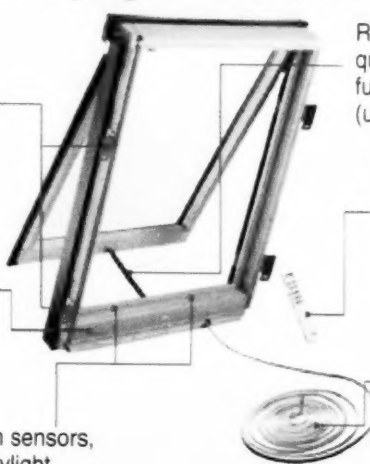
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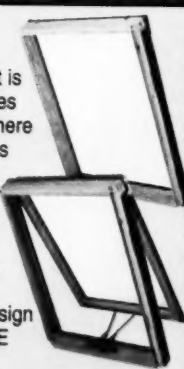
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SIZE	MODEL	FS Fixed	VS Venting	NEW VSE
31-1/8"x39"	304	212 ⁸⁰	367 ⁶⁵	706 ³⁰
31-1/8"x55-1/2"	308	259 ³⁵	426 ⁵⁵	771 ⁰⁵
45-1/4"x47"	606	289 ⁷⁵	475 ⁰⁰	831 ⁷⁵
22"x39"	104	196 ⁴⁵	338 ²⁰	643 ⁴⁵
22"x47"	106	212 ³⁰	357 ²⁰	686 ²⁰
22"x55-1/2"	108	241 ⁰⁰	414 ⁰⁰	737 ⁰⁰

Ultra Vu

Classic

Model B

Model 11

Model A

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WOOD COMBINATION DOORS

All With Sash AND Screen

UltraVu Model
(All Doors 3/0 x 6/9)

247⁸⁰

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Porch Post 5"x5"x8' ... **69⁰⁰**
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Full View
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1-1/2" insulated aluminum frame. Solid brass lever & deadbolt lock. Maximum viewing area. (224FL)



Composite Decking

5/4" x 6"
Natural
12' & 16' Lengths
(Stocked in Beverly.)

1.35 lin. ft.

Made from UV stabilized polypropylene & hardwood sawdust from Maine. Weathers to a light, natural silver-gray color. Never needs staining unless you want to. 25% stiffer & 25% lighter than other composite lumber! Naturally rot & decay resistant, with no splintering or warping!



WeatherBest Composite Decking

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Cedar, Redwood or Grey
12', 16' & 20' Lengths
(Stocked in N. Reading & Beverly.)
Weatherbest pairs the beauty of wood with the performance of polymer resin for a low maintenance deck that's beautiful too!

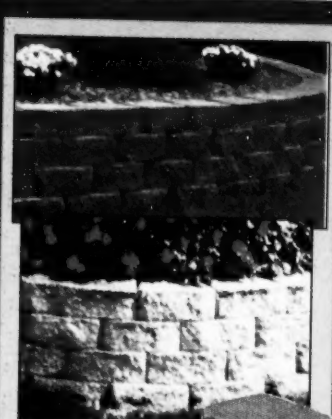
1.59 lin. ft.



Cambara Decking

1" x 4" Decking
8' - 18' Lengths

65¢ lin. ft.
Cambara is valued for its deep reddish-brown heartwood, ease of drying, straight grain, decay resistance and finishing qualities.



Windsor Wall Blocks

Approximate Size 4" x 8" x 11-1/2"
Natural or Tan
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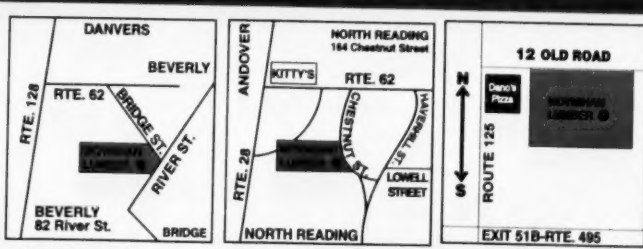
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